

Key Tips for Lecturers Teaching Internationally

This quick guide gives advice on adapting your teaching style for students with varying English proficiency and cultural backgrounds, drawing on research into English Medium Instruction (EMI).

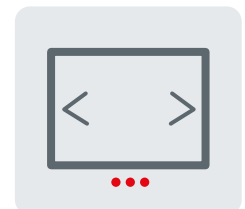
1. Preparation & Managing expectations

- **State learning goals:** Clarify objectives for students.
- **Know your audience:** Adjust based on students' background knowledge.
- **Student proficiency:** Most have B2-level English; consider providing a glossary.
- **Interactive teaching:** Students prefer interaction.
- **Group activities:** Check seating arrangements for flexibility.
- **Practice makes perfect:** Rehearse for clarity and timing.



2. Designing Your Slides

- **Keep slides simple:** Avoid too much text; use handouts for details.
- **Use visuals:** Minimise text in favour of diagrams and images.
- **Emphasise key terms:** Highlight important concepts.
- **Check for errors:** Proofread slides for accuracy.



3. During the Lecture

- **Slow down:** Speak slower to give students more time to process.
- **Use stress and intonation:** This helps to emphasise key points.
- **Repeat main ideas:** Students are more likely to remember them.
- **Pause for effect:** Give students time to absorb the information.
- **Use practical examples:** These make it easier to understand abstract concepts.
- **Speak naturally:** Avoid reading from notes/slides.
- **Keep language simple:** Limit the use of idioms, jargon, and complex terms.
- **Clear instructions:** Provide both verbal and written instructions.
- **Check understanding regularly:** Ask students to summarise and encourage questions.
- **Be mindful of humour:** Avoid culturally specific jokes.
- **Use your culture as a learning opportunity:** Invite discussion about cultural differences.
- **Applause:** Don't worry if students bang on desks after class – it's a sign of appreciation in Germany.

