

Appendix A

Online Survey Instrument: Immigrant Experiences in Germany

Appendix A presents the full questionnaire used to collect quantitative data for this study. The survey was administered online using Google Forms and was anonymous and voluntary. Unless otherwise stated, Likert-scale items were measured on a **5-point scale** ranging from **1 = Strongly disagree** to **5 = Strongly agree**.

Section 1: Consent

Q0. Consent to Participate

This survey is anonymous and voluntary. Your answers will be used only for academic research and will not be shared with authorities. Do you agree to participate?

- Yes, I agree
- No

(Participants selecting “No” were directed to submit the form and exit the survey.)

Section 2: Demographics

Q1. Age

- 18–24
- 25–34
- 35–44
- 45–54
- 55+

Q2. Gender

- Male
- Female
- Diverse / Non-binary
- Prefer not to say

Q3. Country of Origin

(Open-ended)

Q4. Year of Arrival in Germany

(Open-ended)

Q5. Current Residence Status

- Asylum seeker
- Recognized refugee
- Subsidiary protection
- Work visa
- Student
- Other

Q6. Highest German Language Level Completed

- No course
- A1
- A2
- B1
- B2
- C1 or higher

Q7. Current Situation

- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- Minijob
- Ausbildung
- University student
- Unemployed
- Homemaker
- Other

Section 3: Language Learning

(All items measured on a 5-point Likert scale: 1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)

Q8. I can handle everyday situations in German.

Q9. My German course prepared me for real-life situations.

Q10. The pace of my German course was appropriate.

Q11. I have enough time and energy to study German outside class.

Q12. I regularly use apps or online tools to learn German.

Q13. Language barriers stop me from getting the help I need.

Section 4: Bureaucracy and Public Services

(5-point Likert scale: 1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)

Q14. Registering for my German course was easy.

Q15. I experienced long waiting times for courses.

Q16. Official communication (letters, emails) is clear to me.

Q17. I often need help understanding official letters or forms.

Q18. I feel respected and treated fairly by German institutions.

Section 5: Housing and Employment

(5-point Likert scale: 1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)

Q19. I am satisfied with my housing situation.

Q20. It was difficult for me to find housing in Germany.

Q21. I experienced discrimination when looking for housing.

Q22. My education or skills are recognized in the German job market.

Q23. I am satisfied with my employment situation.

Q24. I experienced discrimination when applying for jobs or at the workplace.

Section 6: Social Integration and Well-being

(5-point Likert scale: 1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)

Q25. I feel comfortable interacting with German people.

Q26. I have German friends I meet or talk to regularly.

Q27. I feel welcome in my local community.

Q28. I often feel lonely in Germany.

Q29. My mental health has worsened since arriving in Germany.

Q30. I know where to find psychological or social support.

Section 7: Overall Integration and Suggestions

(5-point Likert scale: 1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)

Q31. Overall, I am satisfied with my integration in Germany.

Q32. I believe my situation in Germany will improve over time.

Open-ended questions:

Q33. What is the biggest problem immigrants face in Germany?

Q34. What change could improve the integration process the most?

Section 8: Closing

Thank You Page

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your contribution supports academic research aimed at improving immigrant integration in Germany.