



## Recognized German language tests

If the prior education certificate that you have obtained in another country enables you to be admitted to university directly, you must prove that you have passed a German language test. The following German tests are recognized according to Art. 11, Para. 1, Clause 5 of the statutes relating to the procedure for enrollment, suspension and de-registration:

- 1) German Language Test for International University Applicants (DSH). The level required for the respective degree programs is listed in the table below.
- 2) Test of German as a Foreign Language for International University Applicants (TestDaF). The level required for the respective degree programs is listed in the table below.
- 3) Telc test German C1 level for universities.
- 4) German language diploma issued by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK) – second level.
- 5) Certificate of test to assess qualification of international applicants for admission to universities in the Federal Republic of Germany (assessment test).
- 6) A certificate proving German language skills, which was recognized by bilateral agreements or other agreements concluded by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK) or the German Rectors' Conference (HRK), as a proof of sufficient language ability for admission to a university. ([Beschluss der Kultusministerkonferenz](#))
- 7) The Goethe Certificate C2, the Advanced German Language Diploma (GDS) and the Basic German Language Diploma (KDS) as well as the Certificate of the Central Advanced Level Examination (ZOP) from the Goethe-Institut. B2 for the Bachelor's degree „International Information Systems“.
- 8) The 'German Language Test II' at SDI, a language and interpreting institute in Munich.

International Academic Bridge Qualification	DSH At least Level 1	TestDaF At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
<b>Bachelor programs</b>		
<b>Degree program</b>	<b>required DSH Level</b>	<b>required TestDaF Level</b>
Architecture	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Creative Engineering	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Data Science	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Digital Builder	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Civil Engineering <sup>9)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least 15 points
Business Administration <sup>1)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least 15 points

Energy Efficient Planning and Building	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Electrical Engineering <sup>4)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least 15 points
Interactive Media	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
International Management <sup>1)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least 15 points
International Information Systems	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Computer Science	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
International Management and Engineering <sup>1)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least 15 points
Communication Design	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Mechanical Engineering <sup>6)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least 15 points
Mechatronics <sup>5)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least 15 points
Social Work <sup>7)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least 15 points
Systems Engineering	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Computer Engineering	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Environmental and Process Engineering <sup>6)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least Level 2
Information Systems	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Industrial Engineering (part-time in-service training program)	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Economic Psychology <sup>11)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least Level 2
<b>Master Programs</b>		
<b>Degree Program</b>	<b>required DSH Level</b>	<b>required TestDaF Level</b>
Civil Engineering <sup>9)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least 15 points
Applied Research	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Architecture	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts

Business Information Systems	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Transformation Design	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Energy Efficiency Design	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Industrial Security <sup>3)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least Level 4 in all 4 exam parts
International Business and Finance	No confirmation required, degree program only in English	No confirmation required, degree program only in English
Identity Design	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Interactive Media Systems	At least A 2 <sup>10)</sup>	At least A 2 <sup>10)</sup>
Computer Science	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
IT Project and Process Management (part-time in-service training program)	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Lightweight Construction and Composite Technology <sup>8)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least Level 4 in all 4 exam parts
Digital Marketing Management	At least Level 2	At least Level 4 in all 4 exam parts
Mechatronic Systems	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Human Resource Management <sup>1)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least Level 4 in all 4 exam parts <sup>1)</sup>
Production <sup>13)</sup>	At least Level 2	At least Level 4 in all 4 exam parts <sup>1)</sup>
Project Management Engineering and Property/Façades/Extensions (part-time in-service training program)	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam

		parts
Tax and Accounting <sup>2)</sup>	At least Level 3	At least Level 5 in all 4 exam parts <sup>2)</sup>
Technology Management (part-time in-service training program)	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts
Environmental and Process Engineering	At least Level 1	At least Level 3 in all 4 exam parts

<sup>1)</sup> The prerequisite for success in the degree program is level C1 German language skills. Particularly in the field of Economics, the specialist literature is linguistically very challenging. Mathematics and diagrams play a less important role than in the engineering sciences. The extensive and complex technical language and in-depth study of legal texts represent a considerable hurdle to completing your studies successfully, even for native speakers.

<sup>2)</sup> For this master program, we even consider level C2 to be necessary. Even more than in the other Economics degree programs, students need to work on (almost exclusively German) legal texts and interpretations. Excellent German skills are required to interpret tax laws correctly.

<sup>3)</sup> The prerequisite for success in the degree program is B2-level German and English language skills. The degree course 'Industrial Security' contains compulsory modules which are based on linguistically challenging specialist literature. Some of the modules are taught in English and some in German. The extensive and complex technical language and in-depth study of legal texts represent a considerable hurdle to completing your studies successfully, even for native speakers.

<sup>4)</sup> Electrical Engineering contains a large number of abstract concepts, as human beings are unable to perceive electrical processes in technical systems in a very concrete way and the quantitative analysis of them requires challenging mathematical techniques. For this reason, complex mathematical and technical interrelationships on an extremely abstract level need to be explained during lectures which require a high-level command of the German language if they are to be understood. This also applies to exams, whose assignments inevitably also contain linguistically challenging descriptions of complex technical matters. Lower linguistic requirements have in the past proved to be insufficient in practice.

<sup>5)</sup> The Mechatronics degree program has much in common with the Electrical Engineering degree program. In the first two semesters, the programs are almost identical. For this reason, the same linguistic requirements exist as for the Electrical Engineering degree program.

<sup>6)</sup> Our experience tells us that language requirements are essential for a successful final degree. The previous entry requirements (DSH Level 1 and TestDaF Level 3) have proved to be insufficient. The new entry requirements could significantly increase the students' chances of success.

<sup>7)</sup> Language plays a very important role in Social Work, both as a field of study and in practice. Precise communication is essential to guarantee success. The student needs to have strong language skills right from the start if concepts are to be conveyed effectively.

<sup>8)</sup> See Art. 3 Para. 2 of the applicable study and examination regulations for the master degree program Lightweight Construction and Composite Technology.

<sup>9)</sup> The prerequisite for success in both degree programs is the ability to understand a broad range of demanding specialist literature, to communicate spontaneously and fluently and to use the language effectively and flexibly in the specialist context. The main difficulty resides in the specialist language that is used in German as well as the study of legal texts and standards which represent a considerable hurdle to completing your studies successfully, even for native speakers.

<sup>10)</sup> According to the 'Common European Framework of Reference for Languages', only elementary A2-level language ability is required. As part of the assessment procedure, interviews are conducted with applicants that include both subject-related and personal motivation questions. This gives us the possibility to assess the candidates' language ability automatically. The ability to communicate in practice often differs considerably from the degree of proficiency required by the official language certificates (both upwards and downwards).

<sup>11)</sup> The prerequisite for successful studies is a knowledge of German at level C1. Especially in the field of psychology as well as economics, the specialist literature used is basically very linguistic. Mathematics and schematic representations play a subordinate role compared to engineering sciences, for example. The extensive and complex technical language represents a considerable hurdle on the way to a successful degree, even for native speakers.

<sup>12)</sup> Non-native speakers of German can be admitted to the course as part of the aptitude test without having to prove their knowledge of German immediately. However, certified proof of a language test is required at the latest by the end of the second semester with language level A2. The applicants concerned will therefore only be admitted and enrolled under this condition.

<sup>13)</sup> See § 3 paragraph 2 of the applicable study and examination regulations for the master's degree in mechanical engineering or production

**Important information for applicants with a school-leaving certificate from another country:**

**Online Application and Information Leaflet about Admission Procedures**

<https://www.hs-augsburg.de/Bewerbung.html>

**Augsburg University of Applied Sciences Range of Degree Programs**

<https://www.hs-augsburg.de/Studiengaenge-A-Z.html>

**Uni-assist Preliminary Review Documentation – control of education certificates from other countries**

<https://www.uni-assist.de/>

**Office for the recognition of certificates and diplomas from other countries:**

<https://www.stmas.bayern.de/berufsbildung/erkennung-ausland/index.php>

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