



## Attending first language courses

Learn German to pursue your studies successfully. Depending on the course of study, language skills may even be a requirement.

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If you apply for a course of study taught in German, you must provide proof of being proficient in German. The relevant certificates are the DSH (German language examination for the admission of foreign students to higher education institutions) and the TestDaF (examination for German as a foreign language). Students who have passed the telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule exam (test on the German knowledge needed for success at an advanced academic level), *Deutsches Sprachdiplom II* (German Language Certificate) and the Goethe C2 certificate have also been accepted for admission to a German-language study course at German universities and higher-education institutions since 12 February 2016. Nevertheless, you should find out what language certificate meets the requirements of your desired course at your university.

Generally, there is no need to provide proof of German language skills for English-language study courses.



## Tip

Regardless of what you are studying, it is recommended to be proficient in the [German language](#)  at least at the level B2. This will help you in communicating effectively and independently, for example when you are grocery shopping, at the foreigners authority or when visiting the doctor. It will also facilitate your social life and improve your career prospects if you would like to stay in Germany for completing of your studies.

If you would like to take a German language proficiency test while still in your home country, you can do so at one of the 158 Goethe-Institut sites worldwide. You will find the address of your local Institut on our interactive [world map](#).

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