



## **Statutes on the required language proficiency for studies at Ulm University**

**of 16 Dec 2021**

On the basis of § 60 (2) no. 2, § 63 (2) of the State Higher Education Act (Landeshochschulgesetz - LHG) in the version of 1 January 2005, amended several times and most recently by Article 1 of the Act of 26 October 2021 (Law Gazette p. 941) as well as §§ 2c, 6 (2 and 4), 9 (3) of the Higher Education Admissions Act (Hochschulzulassungsgesetz - HZG) in the version of 23 October 2019 (Law Gazette p. 405 ff), the Senate of Ulm University adopted the following Statutes on 15 December 2021.

### **§ 1 Scope of application**

The Statutes regulate the necessary language entrance requirements for taking up studies in the bachelor's and master's degree programmes at Ulm University and their proof.

### **§ 2 Proof for German-taught degree programmes**

- (1) The regulation of language certificates for German-taught degree programmes is based on the framework regulation on German language examinations for studies at German universities (*Rahmenordnung über Deutsche Sprachprüfungen für das Studium an deutschen Hochschulen* - RO-DT) (resolution of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) of 8 June 2004 and the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK) of 25 June 2004) in the applicable versions.
- (2) Applicants who are seeking a degree and require German language skills for the applied-for degree programme and who have not acquired their study qualification at a German-speaking institution with German as the language of instruction shall provide evidence of these skills through the following language certificates:
  - school leaving certificate corresponding to a German higher education entrance qualification in terms of language requirements,
  - completed degree programme with at least 50% German as the language of instruction,
  - Deutsches Sprachdiplom of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK) – Level 2 (DSD II),
  - Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH) with the overall result of DSH2 or higher based on examination regulations registered by the German Rectors' Conference (HRK),

- Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache (TestDaF) with the result TestDaF level 4 or higher in all four examination parts (paper-based or digital),
- passed examination part German of the higher education entrance assessment examination (Feststellungsprüfung) at a Studienkolleg,
- passed examination telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule,
- Goethe-Zertifikat C 2: Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom (GDS),
- Österreichisches Sprachdiplom C2 (ÖDS C2),
- German as Language A in the IB diploma
- Deutsche Sprachprüfung II of the Sprachen- und Dolmetscher-Institut München, or
- Proof of German language skills that have been recognised by bilateral agreements or other agreements reached by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs and the German Rectors' Conference as sufficient proof of language proficiency for admission to higher education in accordance with the annex to the resolution of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of 2 June 1995 in the applicable version for the "Zugang von ausländischen Studienbewerberinnen und Studienbewerbern mit ausländischem Bildungsnachweis zum Studium an deutschen Hochschulen: Nachweis der deutschen Sprachkenntnisse".

(3) In deviation from the regulations of § 1 (2), a lower level of German language proficiency may be determined on the basis of the linguistic requirements of the subject content of the degree programmes. Applicants demonstrate this proficiency corresponding to the language level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), by means of the following language certificates:

- completed studies in higher education with German language components,
- *Goethe-Zertifikat B 2*,
- passed examination *telc Deutsch B2* certificate,
- *Österreichisches Sprachdiplom (ÖDS) B2* certificate,
- Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH) with the overall result of DSH1 based on examination regulations registered by the German Rectors' Conference (HRK),
- *Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache* (TestDaF) with the result TestDaF level 3 or higher in all four examination parts (paper-based or digital).

(4) Applicants who have completed their studies in higher education and are enrolling for doctoral/PhD studies are exempt from providing proof of linguistic study ability.

(5) In justified individual cases the proof of linguistic study ability can be waived, especially if

- a) the applicant has spent significant periods of his/her education at German-speaking schools,
- b) the applicant can prove that he or she is a native speaker of German or that he or she has lived in the German-speaking area for many years,
- c) the applicant can prove that he or she has completed a degree in German Studies,

- d) the applicant can prove that he or she has completed at least two years of vocational training in Germany.

The head of the Center for Languages and Philology decides on these exemptions upon request by the applicant.

### § 3 Proof for English-taught degree programmes

(1) Applicants seeking a degree who require English language proficiency for the degree programme applied for and who have not acquired their degree qualification in a degree programme with English as the sole language of instruction shall submit proof of sufficient English language proficiency at level C 1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This proof of language proficiency is fulfilled by:

- 7.0 points or more in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); if both IELTS score and CEFR level are indicated, the higher language level is recognised,
- Certificate in C 1 Advanced English or Certificate C 2 Proficiency in English in the Cambridge exam,
- 490 (listening), 455 (reading), 200 (speaking) and 200 (writing) points or more in the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC),
- 95 points or more in the Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based (TOEFL iBT),
- level III or level IV of the UNIcert®,
- PTE Academic, with a score of 76 or higher, or
- CEFR level C 1 or higher, shown on the higher education entrance qualification. Any level of language proficiency which is in parts on and in parts lower than CEFR level C1 is not recognised.

(2) In deviation from the regulations of § 2 (1), a lower level of English language proficiency may be determined on the basis of the linguistic requirements of the subject content of the degree programmes. Applicants demonstrate this proficiency corresponding to the language level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), by means of the following language certificates:

- 5.5 points or more in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); if both IELTS score and CEFR level are indicated, the higher language level is recognised,
- First Certificate in English (FCE), Certificate in English Language Skills (CELS) Vantage or Business English Certificate (BEC) Vantage Cambridge exam English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (Cambridge University),
- 400 (listening), 385 (reading), 160 (speaking) and 150 (writing) points or more in the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC),
- 72 points or more in the Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based (TOEFL iBT),
- UNIcert® level II,
- PTE Academic, with a score of 59 or higher,

- CEFR level B 2 or higher, shown on the higher education entrance qualification. Any level of language proficiency which is in parts on and in parts lower than CEFR level B 2 is not recognised; or 6 years of language acquisition (grade: minimum pass or, respectively, 5 points in the past 2 years).

(3) In justified individual cases the proof of linguistic study ability can be waived, especially if

- a) the applicant has spent significant periods of his/her education at English-speaking schools,
- b) the applicant can prove that he or she is a native speaker of English or that he or she has lived in the English-speaking area for many years,
- c) the applicant can prove that he or she has completed a degree in English Studies.

The head of the Center for Languages and Philology decides on these exemptions upon request by the applicant.

#### **§ 4 Foreign temporary students**

The required language skills of foreign applicants who study at Ulm University only during a certain stage of their studies within the framework of an agreement with a foreign partner higher education institution are determined by the requirements of the respective exchange programme or the respective exchange agreement. The same applies to temporary students in scholarship programmes. In all other respects, §§ 1 and 2 shall apply accordingly.

#### **§ 5 Students on exchange programmes, double degree and joint degree programmes**

Regulations on language requirements and their proof in agreements with partner higher education institutions within the framework of exchange, double degree and joint degree programmes remain unaffected. These take precedence over the provisions of these Statutes.

#### **§ 6 Time of proof**

- (1) In admission-restricted German-taught degree programmes, proof of linguistic study ability must be provided by the application deadline of the respective degree programme. In German-taught undergraduate degree programmes with unrestricted admission, proof of linguistic study ability must be submitted by the end of the enrolment period at the latest. In these cases, admission is only granted upon proof of B 2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) by the application deadline of the respective degree programme. In German-taught master's degree programmes with unrestricted admission, the required language proficiency must be proven at the time of enrolment at the latest.
- (2) In admission-restricted English-taught degree programmes, proof of linguistic study ability must be provided by the application deadline of the respective degree programme. In English-taught degree programmes with unrestricted admission, proof of linguistic study ability must be submitted by the end of the enrolment period at the latest.

## **§ 7 Effective date**

- (1) These statutes come into effect on the day after their publication in the Official Bulletin (Amtliche Bekanntmachungen) of Ulm University. They apply for the first time as of the allocation procedure for the summer semester 2022.
- (2) At the same time, the Statute on the required language proficiency for studying at Ulm University of 26 February 2013 (published in the Official Bulletin of Ulm University No. 6 of 1 March 2013, page 68 - 70) shall cease to be effective.

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signed

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