

Proof of Language Proficiency for foreign applicants

International applicants from non-German speaking countries as well as Germans whose native language is not German must provide proof that they have the German language skills required for admission to the degree programme. Depending on the degree programme, the level B1, B2 or C1 CEFR (Common European Framework of References for Languages) must be proven.

For the programme **Excellence in Performance**, the level B2 must be proven. The accepted languages are German and English (level B2). Information on English language certificates can be found at the end of the document.

For Master programmes with a performance profile and Meisterklasse (Postgraduate Continuing Studies), no language proof is needed, but B2 is desirable (exceptions: Master Programme “Opera Performance” and Master Programme “Choral Conducting”: level B2).

Only the following certificates are **accepted**:

B1

Required for all Bachelor Programmes with a performance profile, Bachelor Programme Jazz & Bachelor Programme Folk Music

- [DSD I](#) - Niveau 4 x B1 (German Language Certificate of the Education Ministers Conference level 1)
- [GOETHE - Certificate B1](#)
- [telc Deutsch B1](#)
- [ÖSD Zertifikat B1](#) (Austrian Language Certificate German)
- Diploma from a German School Abroad*

B2

Required for Bachelor and Master Programmes with a pedagogical profile, Study Programmes for Teaching, Bachelor & Master “Music Theory/Aural Training”, Master Programme “Opera Performance” & “Choral Conducting”, Excellence in Performance

- [TestDaF](#) - 4 x TDN 3 (Test German as a Foreign Language)
- [DSD II](#) - Niveau 4 x B2 (German Language Certificate of the Education Ministers Conference level 2)
- [GOETHE - Zertifikat B2](#)
- [telc Deutsch B2](#)
- [ÖSD Zertifikat B2](#) (Austrian Language Certificate German)
- Diploma from a German School Abroad*

C1

Required for Master "Cultural and Music Management", Master "Musicology-theoretically based music education" and "Digital Communication in the Music and Entertainment Industry"

- [TestDaF](#) - 4 x TDN 4 (Test German as a Foreign Language)
- [DSD II](#) – Niveau 4 x C1 (German Language Certificate of the Education Ministers Conference level 2)
- [telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule](#)
- [GOETHE - Zertifikat C1](#)
- [Deutsche Sprachprüfung II](#) (German language examination II) issued by the Sprachen- und Dolmetscherinstitut, Munich
- [ÖSD Zertifikat C1](#) (Austrian Language Certificate German)
- Diploma from a German School Abroad*

Certificates from private language institutes are **not accepted**.

Foreign applicants from non-German-speaking countries and Germans whose native language is not German will not be enrolled without one of the language certificates listed above. This applies regardless of whether the applicants have successfully passed the entry examination.

English Language Certificates

- [Cambridge B2](#) (First Certificate in English)
- [IELTS](#) – minimum 5.0
- [telc Englisch B2](#)
- [TOEFL iBT](#) – minimum points: 72 (reading: 18, listening: 17, speaking: 20, writing: 17)

*Please find a list of other accepted language certificates in the [KMK-Beschluss 02.06.1995 i. d. F. vom 16.12.2020](#). For questions, please contact the Registrar's Office:
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