

Approved German language exams

- **Nationals of a country other than the Federal Republic of Germany must provide proof of the German language skills required for their studies after matriculation, provided that these are standardized for the relevant degree.**
- **In the case of persons from German-speaking foreign countries, Technical University of Applied Sciences Augsburg decides on the proof of language proficiency on a case-by-case basis.**
- **Proof of the required language skills is provided if a certificate of one of the German examinations listed below is submitted**

The following German examinations are recognized in accordance with § 11 of the Statutes on the Procedure for Enrollment, Leave of Absence and Exmatriculation:

- 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.
<https://www.kmk.org/kmk/information-in-english.html>
- 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. A2 for the Bachelor's degree „International Information Systems“
- 8) The 'German Language Test II' at SDI, a language and interpreting institute in Munich.

- 9) Only for the Bachelor’s degree „International Information Systems“:
 ÖSD-Zertifikat Deutsch A2, Goethe-Certificate A2, telc-Certificate A), DTZ A2 Certificate is not sufficient!

Depending on the course of study, different levels are required. Details can be found in the list below.

Abbreviations:

≥ = minimum

Bachelor Degrees:

	<u>required DSH-level</u>	<u>required TestDaF-level</u>
Architecture	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Civil Engineering ⁹⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points
Business Administration ¹⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points
Creative Engineering	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Data Science	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Digital Design and Production	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Energy Efficient Planning and Building	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Electrical Engineering ⁴⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points
Interactive Media	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
International Management ¹⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points
Computer Science	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
International Information Systems ¹⁴⁾	≥ A2	≥ A2

	<u>required DSH-level</u>	<u>required TestDaF-level</u>
International Industrial Engineering ¹⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points
Communication Design	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Mechanical Engineering ⁶⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points
Mechatronics ⁵⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points
Orientation Year	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points
Social Work ⁷⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points
Systems Engineering	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Computer Engineering	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Environmental and Process Engineering ⁶⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points
Information Systems	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Industrial Engineering (extra-occupational)	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Business Psychology ¹¹⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points

Master Degrees:

	<u>required DSH-level</u>	<u>required TestDaF-level</u>
Civil Engineering ⁹⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 15 points
Applied Research in Engineering Sciences	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Architecture	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Business Information Systems	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points

	<u>required DSH-level</u>	<u>required TestDaF-level</u>
Transformation Design ¹²⁾	≥ A2	≥ A2
Energy Efficiency Design	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Industrial Safety and Security ³⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 4 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 16 points
International Business and Finance	No certificate required, English-language degree programme	No certificate required, English-language degree programme
Interactive Media Systems ¹⁰⁾	≥ B2	≥ B2
Identity Design	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Computer Science	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
IT Project and Process Management (extra-occupational)	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Mechanical Engineering ⁸⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 4 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 16 points
Marketin- Management Digital	≥ level 2	≥ level 4 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 16 points
Mechatronics Systems	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Human Resource Management ¹⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 4 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 16 points
Production Engineering ¹³⁾	≥ level 2	≥ level 4 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 16 points
Project Management (Civil Engineering) (extra-occupational)	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Taxation and Accounting ²⁾	≥ level 3	≥ level 5 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 20 points
Technology Management (extra-occupational)	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points
Environmental and Process Engineering	≥ level 1	≥ level 3 in all 4 parts, in total ≥ 12 points

1) The prerequisite for successful studies is German language proficiency at level C1. Especially in the field of economics, the specialist literature used is basically very linguistic. Mathematics and schematic representations play a lesser role than in engineering sciences. The extensive and complex technical language as well as the intensive work with legal texts represent a considerable hurdle on the way to a successful degree, even for native speakers.

2) In this Master's programme, we even consider the C2 level to be necessary. Even more than in the other economics degree programmes, work is done with (almost exclusively German) legal texts and interpretations. The correct interpretation of tax laws requires German language skills at a high level.

3) Prerequisite for successful studies are German and English skills at level B2. The degree programme "Industrial Safety" includes compulsory modules based on linguistically distinctive technical literature. Some of the modules are taught in English, some in German. The extensive and complex technical language as well as the intensive work with legal texts and standards represent a considerable hurdle to successful completion of the degree, even for native speakers.

4) Electrical engineering has a high degree of abstraction, as electrical processes in technical systems cannot be perceived vividly by humans and their quantitative analysis requires very sophisticated mathematical methods. In the courses, complicated mathematical-technical relationships must therefore be explained at a high level of abstraction, which requires a high level of command of the German language for comprehension. This also applies to the examinations, whose tasks necessarily also include linguistically demanding descriptions of complex technical issues. Lower language requirements have proven to be insufficient in practice.

5) The content of the Mechatronics degree programme overlaps to a considerable extent with the Electrical Engineering degree programme. There is almost complete agreement in the first two semesters. Therefore, the same language requirements exist for this degree programme as for the electrical engineering degree programme.

6) In the past, it has been shown that the language requirements are essential for successful completion of the degree. The previous entry requirements (DSH level 1 and TestDaF level 3) were not sufficient for this. With the new entry requirements, students' chances of success could be significantly improved.

7) Social work as a discipline and as a practice is very much language-based. Precise communication is essential for success. These can only be taught if language skills are very good from the start.

8) See § 3 para. 2 of the current study and examination regulations for the Master's programme in Mechanical Engineering.

9) In both degree programmes, the prerequisite for successful study is to understand a broad spectrum of demanding specialised literature, to be able to express oneself spontaneously and fluently and to use the language effectively and flexibly in the subject context. This results from the technical language taught in German, as well as from working with legal texts and standards, which pose a considerable hurdle to successful completion of studies, even for native speakers.

10) According to the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages", independent use of language at level B2 are required. As part of the aptitude procedure, personal interviews are held with the applicants on subject-related questions and individual motivation. This automatically leads to an assessment of the existing language skills. The practical abilities to communicate can often deviate significantly (upwards or downwards) from the level of the officially obtained language certificates. Therefore, official proof of a language certificate is not required.

11) A 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 lesser role than in 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.

12) According to the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages", only elementary language skills at level A2 are required. As part of the aptitude procedure, personal interviews are held with the applicants on subject-related questions and individual motivation. This automatically leads to an assessment of the existing language skills. The practical abilities to

communicate can often deviate significantly (upwards or downwards) from the level of the officially obtained language certificates. Therefore, official proof of a language certificate is not required.

13) See § 3 Para. 2 of the current study and examination regulations for the Master's degree programme in Mechanical Engineering or Production.

14) The programme starts in English in semesters 1-3. Only from the 4th semester onwards are some modules held in German. German language skills are further developed in the first four semesters based on A2 level. The following A2 certificates can be accepted:

- Goethe-Zertifikat, min. level A2
- telc-Zertifikat, min. level A2
- ÖSD-Zertifikat Deutsch, min. level A2
- DTZ A2 certificate not sufficient!

The proof of level A2 also applies to students who are enrolled conditionally and who still have to submit proof of language proficiency. The requirement is fulfilled with the timely submission of a language certificate that meets the above criteria.