

Fact Sheet – German language skills requirements

1) Language level

Studying at the HfMT Cologne requires a proof of the following **German** language skills:

- Bachelor of Music: Test DaF 3 or language competence level B2
- Bachelor of Arts Dance: Test DaF 3 or language competence level B2
- Bachelor of Arts Teaching: Test DaF 4 or language competence level C1
- Master of Music: A2
- Master of Arts:
 - Musicology: Test DaF 4 or language competence level C1
 - Music Pedagogy: Test DaF 4 or language competence level C1
 - Dance Mediation: Test DaF 3 or language competence level B2
 - Dance Studies: language competence level English A2 and German A2
- Master of Education Teaching: Test DaF 4 or language competence level C1

2) Language certificates

We accept the following language certificates:

- Test DaF
- telC
- Goethe-Zertifikat
- Deutsche Sprachprüfung (DSH)

Further certificates that are recognised within the European Reference Area (e.g. ÖSD Austria) may be recognised as well. Please contact the Students Advisory Services in case of uncertainties.

3) Deadlines for submitting the certificate

The language certificate should be available at time of enrolment in your degree programme.

In exceptional cases, it will be possible to submit the language certificate later.

The following requirements apply to Master degree programmes: The certificate must be submitted by the end of the first semester. You will be informed of the exact date by the Students Administration Office.

The following applies to Bachelor degree programmes: The certificate must be submitted by the end of the 2nd semester. You will be informed of the exact date by the Students Administration Office.

Please note that you'll be deregistered from the studies, if you do not provide the language certificate!

4) Time schedule for reaching the language level

Below table shows how many teaching units and time you should approximately plan for reaching the required language levels:

Starting level	Language level to be reached	Lesson units	Time in hours
A0	A1	100 UE	75
A1	A2	150	100
A2	B1	150	100
B1	B2	200	150
B2	C1	200	150
C1	C2	300 - 400	Max. 300

5) Costs

The costs of language courses vary greatly. They depend on the language school, the teaching format and the size of the group.

You can expect to pay around 500 up to 1,000 euros per course.

You will also have to pay a fee for the test.

The costs vary depending on the test. You can expect to pay a fee of 100 - 300 euros.

6) Tips and hints:

- You are studying full-time. You will be practising a lot besides your studies! Please allow sufficient time for learning German!
- The instruction language at HfMT is German. All documents and information are written in German, in general.
- **Make sure you find a place in a language school and an examination date in good time. Both are highly demanded and fully booked early.**
- Some German courses are offered by the HfMT. The courses might support you in learning German. The exam preparation courses might prepare you for the exam. Please note that there are only 18 places available per language course.
- Try to take language courses before you start your studies. This will make it easier for you to start your studies and reduce your time pressure during your first two semesters.
- Some language schools offer affordable online courses that you can attend also from your home country, e.g. Goethe-Institut.

7) Language schools

Language schools in Cologne:

- VHS Köln - Deutsch als Fremdsprache
<https://www.koelner-vhs.de/deutsch-integration/deutsch-fremdsprache>
- Inlingua Sprachschule Köln
<https://www.inlingua-koeln.de/sprachen-lernen/deutsch.html>
- Sprachschule Aktiv Köln
<https://www.sprachschule-aktiv-koeln.de/deutschkurse/>
- Berlitz Sprachschule Köln
<https://www.berlitz.com/de-de/sprachen/deutsch>
- Tandem Köln Internationale Sprachschule
<https://www.tandem-koeln.de/deutschkurse>
- And many more

Language schools in Wuppertal:

- Berlitz Sprachschule Wuppertal
www.berlitz.com/de-de/sprachen/deutsch
- Schulungszentrum Wuppertal
- www.schulungszentrum-wuppertal.de/sprachkurse/
- And many more

Language schools in Aachen:

- Sprachenakademie Aachen
www.spraachen.org/de/deutschkurse/
- Berlitz Sprachschule Aachen
www.berlitz.com/de-de/sprachen/deutsch
- And many more