



Foreign language requirements

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Each degree programme's study regulations specify which linguistic admission requirements exist for applicants to be considered capable of successfully completing that course of study. These are indicated as language levels according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or – where this is not possible – as a generally recognised form (e.g. Latin proficiency exam or *Latinum*).

The definition of the level of language skills is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), which defines the following three levels:

- A Basic language use
- B Independent language use
- C Proficient language use

If your language skills are not yet at the required level, visit the website of the Language Institute at www.uni-leipzig.de/sprachen to find out whether you can improve your language skills before starting your studies, or how you can obtain the required language qualifications.

In order to study at Leipzig University, applicants must demonstrate the following periods of language learning, or the following levels:

Level	Years of language learning
C1	Grades* 7–12/13 (<i>Leistungskurs</i> **)
B2	Grades* 7 –12/13 (<i>Grundkurs</i> **)
B1	Years 9–12/13 or grades 5–10 or grades 7–10
A2	At least 4 years in ascending grades from grade 5 onwards
A1	At least 2 years in ascending grades from grade 7 onwards

* Please note that this information refers to the German school system; the English term “grade” is used here as a direct translation of the German *Klasse*.

** According to the Saxon State Ministry of Education, a *Leistungskurs* (“advanced course”) corresponds to C1 level of the CEFR, and a *Grundkurs* (“basic course”) to B2 level.

**Language requirements by degree programme:
Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts**

Degree programme	Language skills on enrolment	Language requirements when studying
BA African Studies	English (B2) and another foreign language (A2)	
MA African Studies	English and French or knowledge of English and another official language of the African Union (Arabic, Portuguese, Spanish, Swahili) at B2 level (1 st foreign language) and B1 level (2 nd foreign language)	
BA Egyptology	Proof of 2 foreign languages (B1)	
MA Egyptology	English (B1) and knowledge of Middle Egyptian (reading comprehension)	French (A1, to be demonstrated by the 3 rd semester)
BA Ancient Middle Eastern Studies	English (B1)	Another modern foreign language (B1, to be demonstrated by the start of the 5 th semester), preferably French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Arabic, Turkish or Persian, or an ancient language, preferably Latin or Ancient Greek
MA Ancient Middle Eastern Studies	English (B1) or equivalent proof and knowledge of another modern foreign language, preferably in French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Arabic, Turkish or Persian (B1), or equivalent proof of <i>Latinum</i> or <i>Graecum</i>	
BA American Studies	English (B2)	
MA American Studies	English (C1)	
BA British Studies	English (B2) and knowledge of another foreign language (A2) or Latin proficiency	
MA Global British Studies	English (C1) and knowledge of another foreign language (A2) or Latin proficiency	
BA Arabic and Islamic Studies	English (B2)	
MA Arabic and Islamic Studies	English (B2), in-depth knowledge of the lexis, morphology and syntax of Modern Standard Arabic (written and spoken; corresponding to the level of the <i>Lehrbuch des modernen Arabisch</i> (Krahl et al.))	
BA Archaeology and History of Ancient Europe	Modern foreign language (B2) when starting your studies	Depending on the specialisation, knowledge of a further language must be demonstrated later on:

Degree programme	Language skills on enrolment	Language requirements when studying
		<i>Latinum, Graecum</i> or European modern foreign language (B1)
MA Archaeology of the Ancient World	English (B1), 2 more modern foreign languages (B1) or ancient languages (Latin or Ancient Greek); for specialisation in Classical Archaeology: <i>Latinum</i> or <i>Graecum</i> ; for specialisation in Prehistory and Protohistory: 2 of the 3 languages must be modern – preferably European – languages or ancient languages (Latin or Ancient Greek)	
MA Studies in Abilities and Development	English (B2)	
MA Communication Management	English (B2); for international applicants who do not hold a German higher education entrance qualification: also German (C1)	
BA German as a Foreign and Second Language	Students with German as their mother tongue: 2 foreign languages (B1) or one foreign language (B1) and Latin proficiency (at the level of the Latin proficiency examination offered by Leipzig University's Language Centre); students with a different mother tongue: German (C1) (recognised certificates: "Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang, Niveaustufe 2" (DSH-2) or at least TestDaF level 4 in all skills) and another foreign language (B1); students on the BA Plus programme: Dutch (B1) (at the start of the period abroad); students with a different mother tongue: German (C2) (at the time of application)	
MA German as a Foreign and Second Language	No special language skills required	
MA German as a Foreign and Second Language in the Vietnamese-German Context	German (C1), English (B2) (receptive)	
MA German as a Foreign Language in the Mexican-German Context	German (C1 in all areas), Spanish (B2 reading comprehension and B1 other skills)	
MA German as a Foreign Language in the Brazilian Context	German (C1 in all areas); Portuguese (B2 reading comprehension and B1 other skills)	
MA German as a Foreign Language in an Arabic-German Context	German (C1 in all areas), Arabic (A1)	
MA German as a Foreign Language in a German-African Context	German (C1), English (B2)	

Degree programme	Language skills on enrolment	Language requirements when studying
BA Anthropology	English (B2) and another foreign language (A2)	
MA Anthropology	English (B2) and another foreign language (B1)	
BA European Minority Languages	English (B2)	
MA European Integration in East Central Europe	German (C1), English (B2)	
MA European Studies	Good knowledge of German, English and another modern foreign language for written and oral communication (in each case, skills equivalent to B2 level or UNICert®-Stufe II of the AKS)	
MA Technical Translation Arabic-Deutsch	German (C1) and Arabic (C1)	
BA German Language and Literature	Two foreign languages: one at B2, another at A2; for students whose mother tongue is not German: German (C1) and another foreign language (B2)	
MA German Language and Literature	Two foreign languages: one at B2, another at A2; for students whose mother tongue is not German: German (C1)	
BA History	English (B2), another modern foreign language (B1) and Latin (<i>Latinum</i> or Latin proficiency equivalent to 20 credits)	<i>Latinum</i> or Latin proficiency equivalent to 20 credits and a 2 nd European modern foreign language at B1 level (preferably French, Spanish, Italian or Russian) must be demonstrated no later than when registering the bachelor's thesis
MA Global Mass Communication	Knowledge of English, to be demonstrated by a valid TOEFL test with at least 100 points (iBT) / 600 points (PBT)	
MA Global Studies	English (B2) and another modern foreign language (A2)	
BA Greek and Latin Philology	<i>Latinum</i> or <i>Graecum</i>	
BA Indology, Tibetology and Mongolian Studies	English (B2) and another modern foreign language at A2 level or <i>Latinum</i>	
MA Indology, Tibetology and Mongolian Studies	Students intending to specialise in a South Asian language must demonstrate 40 credits in that language. Students intending to specialise in a Central Asian language must demonstrate 30 credits in that language.	
BA Intercultural Communication and Translation Czech-German	Modern foreign language (B2); when choosing translation-relevant elective modules, students must	

	demonstrate the following language skills for each chosen language: English: B2; French: B1; Russian: B1; Spanish: B1. Knowledge of Czech is not compulsory, as the degree programme takes a different form depending on whether the student has previous knowledge.	
BA Japanology	English (B2); another modern foreign language or Latin proficiency	
MA Japanology	Adequate knowledge of Japanese (comparable with level 2 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test); English (B2)	
MA Classic Antiquity: History and Literature	English (B1); French or Italian (B1); other modern foreign languages may be recognised, upon reasoned request, as equivalent by the competent examination board; also the <i>Latinum</i> for students specialising in Latin Philology or the <i>Graecum</i> for those specialising in Greek Philology	
BA Communication and Media Studies	Knowledge of 2 foreign languages: 1 st language with at least 5 consecutive years of school lessons or B2 level, and the 2 nd language with at least 3 consecutive years of school lessons or A2 level	
MA Communication and Media Studies	English (B2)	
MA Conference Interpreting	Proof of knowledge of the chosen foreign language (C1), which must be one of the following: English, French, Russian, Spanish	
MA Conference Interpreting with Arabic	Arabic (C1; corresponding to the level of lesson 24 of the textbook <i>Modern Standard Arabic</i> (Schulz et al.) or equivalent knowledge); for applicants whose mother tongue is not German: German (C1)	
BA Cultural Studies	English (B2) and another foreign language (A2)	
MA Cultural Studies	English (B2)	
BA Art History	English (B2), another foreign language (B1) and Latin proficiency	Knowledge of the 3 rd foreign language can be learnt up to the time of the bachelor's thesis.
MA Art History	No special language skills required	
BA Art Education	Modern foreign language (preferably English) (B2)	
MA Art Education	No special language skills required	
BA Linguistics	English (B2), another foreign language (B1) and Latin proficiency	
MA Linguistics	English (B2) and another foreign language (B1)	
BA Literary Writing	No special language skills required	
MA Literary Writing	No special language skills required	

MA Logics	No special language skills required	
MA Medieval and Modern History	Two modern foreign languages at B2 (1 st foreign language) and B1 (2 nd foreign language) as well as Latin proficiency. Depending on the specialisation, Latin proficiency may be replaced by a relevant language.	
BA Musicology	No special language skills required	
MA Musicology	No special language skills required	
BA East Slavonic Studies	No special language skills required	
BA Philosophy	English (B2), another foreign language (A2)	
MA Philosophy	English (B2)	
BA Political Science	English (B2), another foreign language (A2)	
MA Political Science	English (B2)	
MA Professionalisation of Early Childhood Education	English (B2)	
BA Religious Studies	English (B2)	
MA Religious Studies	No special language skills required	
BA Romance Studies	French Studies option: French (B1); Hispanic Studies option: no subject-specific requirements; Italian Studies option: no subject-specific requirements; Portuguese Studies option: no subject-specific requirements	To be demonstrated for all options by the time of registering the bachelor's thesis: Latin proficiency; Spanish Studies option: knowledge of Spanish at A2 level; Italian Studies option: knowledge of Italian at A2 level; Portuguese Studies option: knowledge of Portuguese at A2 level
MA Romance Studies	All specialisations: Latin proficiency; specialisation in France and the French-speaking world: French (B2); specialisation in Latin America: Spanish (B2) and Portuguese (B1); specialisation in French Studies: French (B2); specialisation in Hispanic Studies: Spanish (B2); specialisation in Italian Studies: Italian (B1); specialisation in Portuguese Studies: Portuguese (B1)	
BA Chinese Studies	English (B2) and another modern foreign language (B1) or English (B2) and Latin proficiency (<i>Latinum</i> or supplementary exam in Latin or certificate from the <i>Großes</i> or <i>Kleines Latinum</i> or certificate from a public or state-recognised <i>Gymnasium</i> with at least the grade "sufficient" (" <i>ausreichend</i> ") after 3 consecutive school years of Latin) or certificate from the Latin proficiency exam at the Language Centre at Leipzig University)	

MA Chinese Studies	Knowledge of Standard Chinese (written and spoken) at level 4 of the HSK test (from 2010); English (B2) and another modern foreign language English (B1) or English (B2) and Latin proficiency	By the start of the master's thesis: knowledge of premodern Chinese (at least 2 verified semesters, 4 teaching hours per week)
MA Slavonic Studies	Polish or Russian or Czech (B1)	
BA Sorbian studies	English (B1)	
MA Sorbian studies	Upper or Lower Sorbian (B2) and English (B1)	
BA Sociology	English (B2)	
MA Sociology	English (B2)	
BA Sports Science	No special language skills required	
BA Transdisciplinary Theatre Studies	English (B2) and another modern foreign language (B1) or English (B2) and Latin proficiency	
MA Transcultural Theatre Studies – History, Theory, Practice	English (B2) and another modern foreign language (B1) or English (B2) and <i>Latinum</i>	
BA Translation	Proof of knowledge of the foreign language selected as the core subject: English (B2) or French, Russian or Spanish (B1)	
MA Translatology	Proof of knowledge of the chosen B language (language option in the core area) and the 2 nd B language or C language equivalent to C1 level, or equivalent proof for one of the following foreign languages: English, French, Russian, Spanish	
BA West Slavonic Studies	A modern foreign language (B2)	

**Language requirements by degree programme:
Bachelor of Science and Master of Science**

Degree programme	Language skills on enrolment	Language requirements when studying
MSc Advanced Spectroscopy in Chemistry (European master's programme)	English (B2)	
MSc Management Science	English (B2)	
BSc Biochemistry	No special language skills required	
MSc Biochemistry	English (B2)	
MSc Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution	English (B2)	
MSc Bioinformatics	No special language skills required	
BSc Biology	No special language skills required	
MSc Biology	English (B2)	
BSc Chemistry	A good basic knowledge of English is a great advantage for this course of study.	
MSc Chemistry	English (equivalent to at least B2; C1 level is recommended)	
BSc Digital Humanities	English (B2)	
MSc Digital Humanities	English (B2)	
MSc Early Childhood Research	English (C1)	
BSc Geography	No special language skills required	
BSc Computer Science	A good knowledge of English is recommended	
MSc Computer Science	No special language skills required	
MSc Chemistry and Biotechnology	English (C1)	
MSc Journalism	No special language skills required	
MSc Mathematical Physics	English (B2)	
BSc Meteorology	No special language skills required	
MSc Meteorology	No special language skills required	
MSc Mineralogy and Materials Science	English (equivalent to at least B2; C1 level is recommended)	
BSc Physics	It is recommended that applicants who intend to attend courses in English meet the language requirements of B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.	
MSc Physics	English (B2)	
BSc Physics (IPSP)	English (B2)	
MSc Physics (IPSP)	English (B2)	
MSc Physical Geography	No special language skills required	
BSc Psychology	No special language skills required	
MSc Psychology	English (B1)	
BSc Sports Management	No special language skills required	
MSc Sports Management	English (B2)	
MSc Sports Science – Diagnostics and Intervention in Competitive Sport	No special language skills required	
MSc Sports Science – Rehabilitation and Prevention	English (B2)	

Degree programme	Language skills on enrolment	Language requirements when studying
MSc Structural Chemistry and Spectroscopy	English (B2)	
MSc Economics	English (B2)	
BSc Business Information Systems	German (B2), English (B2)	
MSc Business Information Systems	English (B2)	
BSc Business Education and Management Training	English (B2)	
MSc Business Education and Management Training	Depending on the 2 nd subject: English (B2), French (B2), Spanish (A2), Russian (B1)	
MSc Economic and Social Geography with a Specialisation in Urban Areas	No special language skills required	
BSc Economics and Management Science	German (B2), English (B2)	
MSc Wirtschaftswissenschaften (Sciences Économiques)	German (B2), French (B2), English (B2)	

Language requirements on Master of Laws degree programmes

Degree programme	Language skills on enrolment	Language requirements when studying
LLM European Private Law	Part of the degree course takes place at foreign partner universities, which may require proof of relevant language skills.	
LLM Law of European Integration	Part of the degree course takes place at foreign partner universities, which may require proof of relevant language skills.	

Language requirements on Diplom degree programmes

Degree programme	Language requirements
Protestant Theology	Proof of the necessary language skills (<i>Latinum, Graecum, Hebraicum</i> or proof of knowledge in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Latinum, Graecum, Hebraicum</i>) must be provided in the form of the certificate of the higher education entrance qualification or corresponding certificates of language examinations taken at a state, university, or recognised church examination authority, when starting your studies or, at the latest, when registering for the Diplom preliminary examination. Up to three semesters are granted in addition to the standard period of study for the acquisition of degrees in Hebrew, Greek and Latin. There are separate study regulations for the study of ancient languages.
Mathematics	No special language skills required
Mathematical Economics	Foreign language skills are essential for successfully completing the <i>Hauptstudium</i> . It is recommended that students improve their knowledge of 2 foreign languages (e.g. English, Russian, French, Spanish or Italian) during the <i>Grundstudium</i> .

Language requirements on State Examination degree programmes

Degree programme	Language requirements
Medicine	When registering for the final preclinical examinations, students must provide proof of participation (with transcript) in a medical terminology internship.
Pharmacy	No special language skills required
Law	No special language skills required
Veterinary Medicine	In order to be admitted to the scientific section of the final preclinical examinations (<i>Vorphysikum</i>), students must prove regular and successful participation in a medical terminology course run by the University or recognised as equivalent by the chair of the examination board. This proof may be replaced by proof of Latin proficiency or Greek in accordance with the resolution of the <i>Kultusministerkonferenz</i> (Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder) of 26 October 1979 or the acquisition of the <i>Kleines Latinum</i> (corresponding to Latin proficiency in Saxony).
Dentistry	When registering for the final preclinical examinations (<i>Physikum</i>), students must prove regular and successful participation in a medical terminology course run by the University, provided that the higher education entrance qualification does not include a grade for Latin and no supplementary examination (<i>Kleines Latinum</i> , corresponding to Latin proficiency in Saxony) has been taken.

Language requirements on State Examination degree programmes for teaching at *Grundschulen* (GS), *Oberschulen* (OS), Special Needs Education (SP) and *Gymnasien* (GY), supplementary *Lehramt* subjects (LEW)

CEFR = Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

B2 = *Grundkurs* (“basic course”)

C1 = *Leistungskurs* (“advanced course”)

Subject/teaching qualification	Language skills on enrolment	Admission Requirements for the State Examination	Special regulations
Biology OS, SP, GY	No special language skills required		
Chemistry OS, SP, GY	No special language skills required		
German GS, OS, SP	No special language skills required		
German GY	No special language skills required	<i>Latinum</i>	<i>Latinum</i> can be replaced by proof of ability in 2 foreign languages: 1 st semester of study C1 CEFR; 2 nd semester of study B2 CEFR
German as a Second Language LEW	No special language skills required		
English GS, OS, SP	English B2 CEFR		
English GY	English B2 CEFR	Latin proficiency	Latin proficiency can be replaced by proof of ability in 2 foreign languages, each at least at B2 level (CEFR); one of them can be English
Ethics/Philosophy GS, OS, SP, GY	English (B2 CEFR) and another foreign language (at least 3 consecutive years of school lessons CEFR A2 level)		
Protestant Religion GS, OS, SP	No special language skills required		
Protestant Religion GY		<i>Latinum</i> and knowledge of Greek or Hebrew (to be demonstrated by the end of the 4 th semester)	
French OS	French (B2 CEFR)	Latin proficiency	Latin proficiency can be replaced by proof of ability in 2 foreign languages, each at least at B2 level (CEFR); one of them can be French
French GY	French (B2 CEFR)	<i>Latinum</i>	<i>Latinum</i> can be replaced by proof of ability in 2 foreign languages; one of them can

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			be French 1 st semester of study C1 CEFR 2 nd semester of study B2 CEFR
Social Studies/ Civic Studies OS Social Studies/ Civic Studies/Business GY	English (B2 CEFR) and another foreign language (A2 CEFR)		
History OS, SP	No special language skills required	Latin proficiency; another modern foreign language (B2 CEFR)	
History GY	No special language skills required	<i>Latinum</i> ; another modern foreign language (B2 CEFR)	
Greek GY	English (B2 CEFR) <i>Latinum</i> or <i>Graecum</i>	<i>Latinum</i> and <i>Graecum</i> (by the 5 th semester)	
Computer Science OS, GY, SP	No special language skills required		
Italian GY	Italian (A1 CEFR)	<i>Latinum</i>	<i>Latinum</i> can be replaced by proof of ability in 2 foreign languages; one of them can be Italian: 1 st semester of study C1 CEFR 2 nd semester of study B2 CEFR
Art OS, SP, GY	a modern foreign language (B2 CEFR; preferably English)		
Latin GY	English (B2 CEFR) <i>Latinum</i>	<i>Latinum</i> and <i>Graecum</i> (by the 5 th semester)	
Mathematics GS, OS, SP, GY	No special language skills required		
Music	Academy of Music and Theatre (HMT)		
Physics OS, SP, GY	No special language skills required		
Polish OS, GY	No special language skills required	Another modern foreign language (B2 CEFR)	
Russian OS	Russian (B1 CEFR)		
Russian GY	Russian (B1 CEFR)	Another foreign language (B2 CEFR)	
Sorbian GS, OS, GY	Knowledge of Upper or Lower Sorbian (B2 CEFR) or knowledge equivalent		

Subject/teaching qualification	Language skills on enrolment	Admission Requirements for the State Examination	Special regulations
	to 7 years of school lessons or completion of aptitude test (EFP)		
Spanish OS	Spanish (A2 CEFR)	Latin proficiency	Latin proficiency can be replaced by proof of ability in 2 foreign languages, each at least at B2 level (CEFR); one of them can be Spanish
Spanish GY	Spanish (A2 CEFR)	<i>Latinum</i>	<i>Latinum</i> can be replaced by proof of ability in 2 foreign languages; one of them can be Spanish: 1 st semester of study C1 CEFR 2 nd semester of study B2 CEFR
Physical education, OS, SP, GY	No special language skills required		
Czech GY	No special language skills required	Another foreign language (B2 CEFR)	
Business, Technology and Home Economics/ Social Skills SP	No special language skills required		