

Information for foreign applicants for transfer students / advanced specialist semester / higher semester

1. Examination of certificates:

The application is processed exclusively with an application for admission submitted to the university. It can be seen which German qualification corresponds with their qualification acquired overseas. The original certificate with a translation into German or English language is to be enclosed with the application. You are requested to obtain the proof in time so that this is available within the application deadline. The examination of certificates for foreign applicants in the office of student affairs, University of the Arts, Am Speicher XI 8, 28217 Bremen. The application is processed exclusively with an application for admission submitted to the university. An assessment certificate is not necessary if you have acquired a German university entrance qualification or have already passed an assessment test of the education certificate of your home country issued from another German university or university of applied sciences. You are requested to obtain the proof in time so that this is available within the application deadline.

2. Residence permit:

International students may need a residence permit/ visa in order to study in Bremen.

Applications from the EU states just need a passport or an identity card. Once you have arrived in Bremen you have to register within three months with the resident's registration office (Einwohnermeldeamt Bürgerservice-Center, Pelzerstraße 40 or Bremen Service Universität. Information available at: <http://www.bremen.de/buergerservice> and <http://www.uni-bremen.de/bsu.html>).

For enrolment application from non-EU countries must submit a residence permit which entitles to study in Germany. You need to apply for a student visa before you leave home at a German embassy in your own country. For more information about German embassies and the required documents for a visa please see <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de>. Normally you would need your passport or identity card, a passport photo, proof of health insurance, and a letter of admission of the University of the Arts.

3. Proof of German language skills as obligatory pre-requisite for enrolment

Foreign applicants for a course of study at the University of the Arts must prove that they have good knowledge of the German language in oral and written communication.

You can test yourself in this respect under www.goethe.de/bremen (classification test: <http://www.goethe.de/cgi-bin/einstufungstest/einstufungstest.p>).

You will receive a detailed test if you send an email to bremen@goethe.de.

At the start of courses you require one of the following recognized proof of German language skills depending on the chosen course of study.

Faculty of Music	
Bachelor of Music Performance Training, Bachelor of Music Performance Training Early Music, Master of Music Performance Training, Master of Music Performance Training Early Music	Zertifikat B 1 of Goethe Institute or Volkshochschule or telc Deutsch B 1
Bachelor of Music in Music Education and Performance, Master of Music in Music Education and Performance, Arp-Schnitger-Master for Historical Church Music	TestDaF 3 or B2 of Goethe Institute or Volks-hochschule or telc Deutsch B 1
Faculty of Art and Design	
Integrated Design Bachelor, Digital Media Bachelor	TestDaF 3 or B2 of Goethe Institute or Volks-hochschule or telc Deutsch B 1
Fine Arts (Diploma course), Integrated Design Master	B 1 of Goethe Institute or Volks-hochschule or telc Deutsch B 1
Digital Media Master	Information on the language certificate in English at: https://digitalmedia-bremen.de/profile/master/application-and-requirements

European reference framework

A „Basic User“		B „Independent User“				C „Proficient User“	
A1 „Breakthrough“	A2 „Waystage“	B1 „Threshold“		B2 „Vantage“		C1 „Effective Proficiency“	C2 „Mastery“
		B1.1	B1.2	B2.1	B2.2	C1.1	C1.2

**For studies at HfK-Bremen
required language certificates:**

Zertifikat B 1	TestDaF 3
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Short description of the individual levels

("European reference framework", shortened according to "profile German", Berlin 02)

A2 elementary language use: Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions (e.g. personal details and information about the family, shopping, work, home, leisure, near vicinity)

and independently use these. Can speak in and understand situations, in which the subjects of the discussion are simple and well known issues.

B1 independent use of language: Can understand the main points if standard language is used and if it concerns familiar matters from work, school, leisure, etc. Can express himself or herself simply and coherently about familiar subjects and personal interests. Can report about experiences and events, describe dreams, hopes and aims and give short reasons or explanations for plans and opinions.

B2 independent use of language: Can understand the main contents of complex texts concerning concrete and abstract subjects, also understands specialist discussions in own specialist field. Can talk spontaneously and fluently so that a normal discussion with native speakers is possible without too much effort on both sides. Can express himself or herself clearly and in detail on a broad range of subjects, explain an opinion about a current issue and name the benefits and disadvantages of various possibilities.

The following statements present the required test "Goethe Zertifikat B 1" of Goethe Institute and TestDaF 3 in more detail. The HfK especially requires these language certificates in order to ensure a uniform language level among the new students and to give the possibility to acquire the necessary language skills in the native country already.

Higher quality language tests are also accepted, certificates from private language schools not.

Goethe Zertifikat B 1 of Goethe Institute

This test is the result of a cooperation of Goethe Institute, Austrian language diploma (ÖSD), Swiss Education Director Conference (EDK) and Weiterbildungs-Testsysteme GmbH (WBT).

Goethe Zertifikat B 1 presumes as a rule approx. 350–600 lessons. This is a rough recommendation which depends on the type of learner, individual learning requirements and learning targets (motivation). The level corresponds with the classification B1.2 = independent use of language in the table. The test is broken down into the fields of listening and reading comprehension, oral and written expression. The level B1.2 must be achieved in each subarea.

Test venues and preparation: Goethe Institute Bremen offers preparatory courses and tests. Principally, you can take the test Goethe Zertifikat B 1 at all Goethe- Institutes at home and overseas (www.goethe.de), at the Adult Education Institutes VHS (www.vhs.de) in Germany and in all authorized test centres. The test centre, at which you wish to take the test, will directly provide you with information about the test dates. It is also possible to carry out test training in the online remote lessons of the Goethe Institute. Please visit www.goethe.de/fernunterricht for information.

Test fee: The participation fee is stipulated by the examining facility. Examination dates: The language test is organized for appointed dates. Please contact the Goethe-Institute directly under www.goethe.de/bremen.

Information material: We highly recommend to make yourself familiar with the exact set-up and flow of the examination in time using the models test offered.

Model sets are also available as pdf-files on the homepage of the Goethe Institute. www.goethe.de/lrn/pro/zd-online/zd.htm

TestDaF 3

TestDaF is a language test at an advanced level, TDN 5 is the highest level. The level TDN 3 corresponds with the classification B2.1–B2.2 in the table. The four skills reading comprehension, listening comprehension, written expression and oral expression are tested separately in the test. Each subarea must be completed with level TDN 3. The test can be repeated any number of times. There are now test centres in 90 countries, therefore you can already acquire the necessary German skills in your native country. Please also visit www.testdaf.de for information.

Certificate: Test participants who have taken the TestDaF will be given a certificate that shows the results in all four skills (test parts) separately. Owing to the central correction of the TestDaF you will receive the certificate approx. 6 to 8 weeks after the test date.

Test fee: You have to pay a fee for the TestDaF. You can find out about the exact price from your test centre. In the majority of countries the price is currently 140 to 190 Euros (however you pay in the national currency).

Test dates: TestDaF tests take place several times a year. Please inform yourself well in advance what you have to do to register correctly. The registration has to be done online via the website www.testdaf.de. The closing date for registration is respectively around four weeks before the test.

The Goethe-Institute Bremen will carry out respectively four weeks preparatory courses against payment of a fee in cooperation with the foreign language centre FZHB. Student applicants of the universities in the state of Bremen pay a reduced course fee per course. The test is carried out in the rooms of the university.

TestDaF dates in Bremen and worldwide under:

<https://www.testdaf.de/fuer-teilnehmende/die-pruefung/pruefungstermine/>

The TestDaF is also offered at other institutions in Bremen.

You can find the addresses under www.testdaf.de – “Test centres in Germany”.

Please keep in mind that you have to submit your language certificate during enrolment period! Therefore you should choose a test date at least 8 weeks before this deadline! Information material: on the Internet sites of the Goethe Institute and the TestDaF centre you will also find test tasks to download, order addresses of sample tests (www.goethe.de/ www.testdaf.de) and information for online-learning.

Further information for German courses is also available at:

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Please ensure that you have the necessary language skills well in advance so that you can start your course of study well-prepared.

(The following qualifications are also accepted as proof of the language test, i.e. DSH-1 test, TestDaF 4 or TestDaF 5, KDS, GDS and ZOP of the Goethe Institute, DSD II, and also 'Goethe-Zertifikat B1' as equivalent for Zertifikat Deutsch and 'Goethe-Institut B2' as equivalent for TestDaF 3, telc Deutsch B1 and telc Deutsch B2.)

Applicants for the course of study Fine Arts, Digital Media Bachelor and Integrated Design Bachelor / Master have the possibility to apply for a waiver of the necessary proof of German language skill for the maximum of two semesters (until 30.09.). For this, a signature from the lecturer is required on this request. The responsible lecturer / lecturer confirms with his signature that the applicant has sufficient German language skills to follow all courses of the semester. This request must be sent to office of student affairs (Dezernat 1) by 15.10. At the end of the second semester the applicant has to prove the necessary language certificate, otherwise he/ she will be deregistered.

The application for exemption will be sent with the admission to study or may be requested from Dezernat 1.

Applicants of the courses of study in music have the possibility to apply for a waiver of the necessary proof of German language skill until 15 February (at the beginning of studies for winter semester) or until 15 August (at the beginning of studies for summer semester – only for transfer students / advanced specialist semester / application higher semester). For this, a signature of the major subject teacher is required on this request. The major subject teacher is assigned by the department of Music. The responsible major subject teacher confirms with his signature that the applicant has sufficient German language skills to follow all courses of the semester. This request must be sent to office of student affairs (Dezernat 1) by 15.10. If the proof of German language skills is not provided by 15 February, he/ she will be deregistered.

The application for exemption will be sent with the admission to study or may be requested from Dezernat 1.