

English-language requirements – HAW Hamburg General Admissions Regulations (HAWAZO) – 7. September 2022

7. Language proficiency requirements

(1) Where the course-specific Admissions and Selection Regulations for a degree course specify a required level of English language proficiency of, or equivalent to, at least level B 1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, applicants shall demonstrate the required level of proficiency by means of one of the following documents or certificates:

1. A German Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife (colloquially Abitur) showing English as one of the subjects taken, or a Zeugnis über die Hochschulzugangsberechtigung confirming the applicant's proficiency in English at level B 1
2. A certificate confirming completion of mandatory secondary education in Germany (Mittlerer Schulabschluss; Realschulabschluss or similar), showing the subject of English with a grade of 4 (ausreichend) or better
3. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic Test
4. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT or ITP
5. Linguaskill General
6. A higher education entrance qualification attained at a school in an English-speaking country, as defined by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education, or an English-medium school
7. Confirmation of admission to a degree course in an English-speaking country, as defined by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education, or to a degree course taught through the medium of English
8. A document issued by a higher education institution confirming the applicant has studied successfully for at least one year on a degree course taught through the medium of English
9. Evidence of successfully gained professional/work experience of at least six months' duration or a semester of student work experience in an English-speaking country, as defined by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education, or in a business or organisation which works in English.

In exceptional, individual cases, applicants may demonstrate their English language proficiency by means of qualifications or experience equivalent to those listed in points 1 to 9 above. The Student Admissions and Registration Office shall take decisions on the equivalency of qualifications or experience to those listed in points 1 to 9 above on a case-by-case basis.