

Information Sheet ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS / LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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1. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS for exchange students

A. Non-degree exchange students:

- on Bachelor's level must have completed at least 60 ECTS (eqv. 1 year/ 2 semesters of fulltime studies) from the respective study program at their home university prior to the start of the exchange program at htw saar.

- on Master's level have to show a minimum of 180 ECTS (eqv. 3 year/ 6 semesters of fulltime study) from the respective study program at their home university prior to the start of the programme at htw saar.

B. Degree-seeking exchange students:

- on Bachelor's level must have completed at least 120 ECTS/90 (eqv. 2 years/ 4 semesters of fulltime studies) from the respective study program at their home university prior to the start of the exchange program at htw saar.

- on Master's level have to show a minimum of in total 240 cumulative ECTS from their home university including a Bachelor's degree (with minimum 180 ECTS) prior to the start of the program at htw saar.

Upon successful completion of 60 ECTS including the Master thesis at htw saar, students from partner universities will be granted the htw saar Master's degree.

2. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS for exchange students

German is the main language of instruction at **htw saar** and students are required to submit proof of their German language proficiency as listed below in case they want to attend modules taught in German.

English is the language of instruction in some programs offered at the Business School. The School of Engineering also offers a selection of English taught modules. Students who want to study in English, have to show evidence of their English proficiency.

Depending on the individual program, students may have to show evidence of their proficiency in German, English or both languages.

Please note that the language requirements depending on the details of the agreements we have with your home university may also deviate from those specified in the list below.

The language requirements comply with the CEF-levels of the European Language Portfolio project "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEF)".

More details see: www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/Cadre1_en.asp.

Overview language requirements for exchange students at the different schools

Non-degree exchange students: standard test certificate, or alternatively a certificate issued by a language instructor of their home university, showing required level as listed below.

Double degree exchange students: official standard language test certificate, showing required level as listed below (other certificates on request).

Students who only take modules taught in English, are not required to show German proficiency for admission. It is however recommended to start some German language learning prior to the exchange studies to allow immersion into German society/community.

Program	If taking modules taught in GERMAN	If taking modules taught in ENGLISH
Business School B.A. International Business B.A. International Tourism Management B.Sc. & M.Sc. Industrial Engineering M.A. Supply Chain Management M.A. International Management B.A. Business Administration ⁵ [Betriebswirtschaft] M.A. Accounting [Rechnungs-, Prüfungs- und Finanzwesen], M.A. Marketing Science	No German taught modules offered Required proof of German proficiency at min. level B1 (recommended B2) of the CEF. ¹ Required proof of German proficiency at min. level B1 (recommended B2) of the CEF. ¹ No German taught modules offered. Required proof of German proficiency at min. level B1 (recommended B2) of the CEF. ¹	Required proof of English proficiency at min. level B2 of the CEF. ⁴ Required proof of English proficiency at min. level B2 of the CEF. ⁴ Required proof of English proficiency at min. level C1 of the CEF. ⁵ Required proof of English proficiency at min. level C1 of the CEF. ⁵ No English taught modules offered.
School of Architecture and Civil Engineering All programs	Required proof of German proficiency at min. level B1 (recommended B2) of the CEF. ¹	No English taught modules offered. Possible project work modules or thesis in English (upon admittance by the International coordinators of Architecture and Civil Engineering): Required proof of English proficiency at min. level B2 of the CEF. ⁴
School of Engineering All programs	Non-degree students: Required proof of German proficiency at min. level B1 (recommended B2) of the CEF. ¹ Double degree students: Required proof of German proficiency at min. level B2 of the CEF. ²	Required proof of English proficiency at min. level B2 of the CEF. ⁴ Research students exclusively doing a lab or thesis project in English: proficiency at min. level B2 of the CEF ⁴ is required.
School of Social Sciences All programs	Required proof of German proficiency at min. level B1 (recommended B2) of the CEF. ¹	No English taught modules offered

The following **German certificates** are accepted (other certificates on request):

¹ Level B1: Goethe Zertifikat Deutsch B1 (ZD); other acceptable higher level certificates include: Goethe-Zertifikat B2, Test-DaF (14 or higher), Goethe-Zertifikat C1, Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom (KDS).

² Level B2 (DD students): Goethe Zertifikat Deutsch B2; other acceptable higher level certificates include: Test-DaF (14 or higher), Goethe-Zertifikat C1, Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom (KDS)

The following **English certificates** are accepted (other certificates on request):

⁴ Level B2: IELTS: 5.5; Cambridge FCE: pass; TOEFL: min. 513 (paper-based), 183 (computer-based), 72 points (internet-based); BEC: Vantage; TOEIC: min. 600; The European Language Certificates: telc English B2 oder telc English B2 Business.

⁵ Level C1: IELTS: 6.5; Cambridge CAE: pass; TOEFL: min. 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), 95 (internet-based); BEC: Higher; TOEIC: min. 700; European Language Certificates: TELC English C1.