

Statutes on the language skills required for studying at Offenbach University of Art and Design (HfG)

Section 1: Proof of sufficient German language skills for the degree programs BFA Art, MFA Art, BA Design, and MA Design.

1. Applicants who require German language skills for the course they are applying for and who did not acquire their study qualification at a German-language institution shall provide evidence of such skills by means of the following language certificates:
 - a) DSH (German language examination for university entrance) with an overall result of DSH-2 or better at an institution registered by the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) that conducts the DSH examination in accordance with the framework regulations of the HRK/KMK,
 - b) Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache (TestDaF) with the result TestDaF level 4 on average or better in all four sections,
 - c) Telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule: with the result "satisfactory", "good", or "very good",
 - d) A pass in the German part of the Feststellungsprüfung (university qualification exam) from a Studienkolleg (preparatory course), German Language Diploma of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany – Second Level (DSD II),
 - e) Goethe-Zertifikat C2: Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom (GDS),
 - f) Proof of German language skills by means of a school leaving certificate equivalent to those of a German university entrance qualification,
 - g) Proof of German language skills that have been recognized by bilateral agreements or other agreements reached by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the States and the German Rectors' Conference as sufficient proof of language skills for admission to a university course of study.

2. In justified individual cases, particularly if:
 - a) the applicant has spent significant periods of his/her education at German-speaking schools,
 - b) the applicant can prove that he/she is a native speaker of German or that he/she has lived in a German-speaking area for many years,
 - c) the applicant can prove that he/she has completed a degree in German studies,

he/she may be exempted from the proof of language skills for university study. Decisions on this are made by the management of the Student Secretariat at Offenbach University of Art and Design.

Section 2: Language skills for international program participants

The required language skills of international applicants who study at the HfG only during a certain part of their studies within the framework of an agreement with a foreign partner university (e.g., Erasmus, etc.) depend on the requirements of the respective exchange program or the respective exchange agreement. The same applies for program participants in scholarship programs. Otherwise, section 1 applies accordingly.

Section 3: Proof of sufficient English language skills for the MFA Art and MA Design

Applicants who can only prove German language skills at the level of B2 for the MFA Art or MA Design program they have applied for must additionally prove English language skills at the level of C1 by means of a current (not older than two years) TOEFL test or a current (not older than two years) IELTS test or the Cambridge Certificate C1. The admissions committee may also recognize equivalent evidence such as an English language degree.

Section 4: Doctoral studies

1. Applicants for a doctoral program must demonstrate basic knowledge of German (listening comprehension) equivalent to level A2.

2. Those who have completed a university degree in German or English do not have to provide additional proof of language skills for study beyond paragraph 1.
3. Applicants with university degrees exclusively in other languages must, in addition to paragraph 1, provide evidence of language skills in either German or English at C1 level, unless the applicant and supervisor agree on supervision in a third language. In justified exceptional cases, the doctoral committee may allow the language skills to be acquired and proven in the course of the doctoral studies.

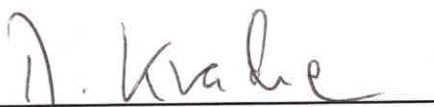
Section 5: Timing of proof

The final proof according to section 1 must be submitted with the application for enrollment (section 2, paras. 3 and 4 of the Statutes of Admission for the study programs BFA Art and MFA Art, as well as BA Design and MA Design). If the proof of sufficient language skills is not submitted by September 15, the student will not be able to start the course. Section 2, para. 4 of the Statutes of Enrollment remains unaffected. The entrance examination is valid for two years.

Section 6: Entry into force

These statutes shall enter into force one day after their publication on the website of Offenbach University of Art and Design.

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