### Annex 2: Language skills

#### 2.A Language skills required for admission to doctoral studies (Article 5 (14))

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<th>General</th>
<th>For applicants who are not native speakers of German, German may be counted as one of modern foreign languages of which evidence must be provided; the other language may not be the applicant’s mother tongue. For German as a modern foreign language, evidence of a pass in the Test of German-Language Ability for University Admission (DSH) must be provided.</th>
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| 1. Protestant Theology | a. Latin proficiency certificate (acquired by the state examination in Latin) or “basic Latin skills” (pursuant to Annex 2.B);  
   b. Greek proficiency certificate (acquired by the state examination in Greek) or “basic skills in Ancient Greek” (pursuant to Annex 2.B);  
   or  
   Biblical Greek (total extent at least 10 SWS (semester periods per week); acquired by attendance at the preparatory course Greek proficiency certificate I / Basic Module Greek Language I, total extent at least 6 SWS and by attendance at the preparatory course in Biblical Greek, total extent at least 4 SWS; the certificate showing a pass in the Basic Module Greek proficiency certificate I shall be acquired from the Institute of Classical Studies, while the certificate showing a pass in the Basic Module Biblical Greek shall be acquired from the Institute for Catholic Theology);  
   c. Hebrew proficiency certificate (for doctoral theses in the Old Testament) or basic knowledge of Biblical Hebrew (for doctoral theses in the New Testament). |
| 2. Catholic Theology | The provisions of No 1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. |
| 3. Ancient, Mediaeval, Modern and Recent History and Didactics of History | (a) Latin proficiency certificate, which may also be evidenced by a similar (foreign) transcript of records/certificate or by supplementary examinations. Depending on the subject area and subject to the supervisor and the decision of the Doctoral Committee, in Modern and Recent History and the Didactics of History, Latin may be replaced by basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in a modern foreign language;  
   (b) Basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in another foreign language;  
   (c) For Ancient History only: Greek proficiency certificate. |
<p>| 4. East European History | Basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two modern foreign languages, one of which must be a modern East European language. |
| 5. History of Art | Basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two foreign languages are required. For a subject that deals with the period from the Middle Ages until (and including) the Early Modern Age, one of these languages must be Latin, as evidenced by the Latin proficiency certificate. The decision shall be taken in each case by the Joint Doctoral Committee in consultation with the supervisor. |
| 6. Greek Philology | Latin and Greek proficiency certificates must be presented. |
| 7. Latin Philology | The provisions of No 6 shall apply <em>mutatis mutandis</em>. |
| 8. Turkish Studies | Basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two modern foreign languages (other than Turkic languages), one of which must be English. |</p>
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<td>English Language Studies</td>
<td>In addition to English, basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in another modern foreign language are required. This second modern foreign language may also be replaced by Latin.</td>
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<td>Romance Linguistics</td>
<td>Apart from a command of the Romance language dealt with in the doctoral thesis, evidence must be provided of basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two other foreign languages. One of these two foreign languages may or must be Latin. For a linguistics topic that covers several Romance languages or that deals with an area from the Middle Ages to the Early Modern Age, evidence of a pass in the Latin proficiency certificate must be provided. No Latin skills are required for a linguistics topic from the Early Modern Age onwards. The Joint Doctoral Committee shall decide on exceptions in consultation with the supervisor.</td>
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| 21. | Romance Literature  
Apart from a command of the Romance language dealt with in the doctoral thesis, evidence must be provided of basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two other foreign languages. One of these two foreign languages may or must be Latin.  
For a literary topic from the Middle Ages to the Early Modern Age, evidence must be provided of a pass in the Latin proficiency certificate. In consultation with the supervisor, the Joint Doctoral Committee shall decide on exceptions. |
| 22. | French Literature  
The provisions of No 21 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. |
| 23. | Spanish Literature  
The provisions of No 21 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. |
| 24. | Italian Literature  
The provisions of No 21 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. |
| 25. | Portuguese Literature  
The provisions of No 21 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. |
| 26. | Didactics of Romance Languages and Literature  
Apart from a command of the Romance language dealt with in the doctoral thesis, evidence of basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two other foreign languages. |
| 27. | Didactics of French Language and Literature  
The provisions of No 26 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. |
| 28. | Didactics of Spanish Language and Literature  
The provisions of No 26 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. |
| 29. | Didactics of Italian Language and Literature  
The provisions of No 26 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. |
| 30. | Didactics of Portuguese Language and Literature  
The provisions of No 26 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. |
| 31. | Slavic Linguistics  
Evidence must be provided of a pass in the Latin proficiency certificate (on request, this may be replaced by evidence of basic skills in a non-Slavic foreign language) and basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two Slavic languages. |
| 32. | Slavic Literature  
The provisions of No 31 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. |
| 33. | Theatre Studies  
Evidence must be provided of basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two foreign languages. |
| 34. | Cultural Studies  
Evidence must be provided of basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two foreign languages. |
| 35. | Media Studies  
Evidence must be provided of basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two foreign languages. |
| 36. | General and Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies  
Evidence must be provided of basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two foreign languages. |
| 37. | Computer Linguistics and Text Technology  
Evidence must be provided of basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two foreign languages. |
| 38. | Sports Science  
Evidence must be provided of basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in at least one foreign language. |
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| 39. | **Psychology**  
Evidence must be provided of basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in at least one foreign language (generally English). |
| 40. | **Philosophy**  
Evidence must be provided of basic skills pursuant to Annex 2.B in two foreign languages, one of which should be Latin or Greek. |
### 2.B Evidence of basic language skills

**1.** Basic language skills are considered to be skills graded as at least “satisfactory”, as shown in the transcript of records on the qualification granting admission to higher education. Instead of the performance record in the report on the General Higher Education Entrance Qualification, the performance record in the annual school report for the 11th grade may be used as evidence for the second foreign language; it must show that the pupil completed the course in the second foreign language after at least five years of tuition with skills that were graded as at least “satisfactory”.

**2.** As an alternative to the Abitur (A-level equivalent) report, evidence of skills acquired through language tests may be provided by:

1. **For English**
   - **1a)** Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), with the test result giving an equivalent level of competence of
     - at least 500 out of 677 points in the paper version
     - at least 173 out of 300 points in the computer version
     - at least 61 out of 120 points in the internet version
   - **1b)** First Certificate in English with a minimum grade of A
   - **1c)** a pass in the Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)
   - **1d)** a pass in the Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)
   - **1e)** a pass in the Cambridge English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL test)
   - **1f)** International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum overall grade of 6 and a minimum grade of 5.5. in each test area
2. **For French**
   - **1)** The DELF language certificate (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française), Level B1 (corresponds to Level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
     
   A pass in a French examination at a university at Level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages that is no older than two years shall be recognised.
3. **For Spanish**
   - **1a)** The DELE language certificate (Diploma Español como Lengua Extranjera), Level B1 (corresponds to Level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
     
   1b) A pass in a Spanish examination at a university at Level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages that is no more than 2 years old
2) A degree from a Spanish-speaking university

4. For Latin and Greek

In exceptional cases, a Latin or Greek proficiency certificate can be replaced by evidence of Latin or Greek language skills. Evidence of Latin or Greek language skills may be provided by successful attendance at two courses offered by the Institute of Classical Studies. If Latin and Greek proficiency has not be acquired, attendance at Latin I and Greek I is compulsory. If only Latin proficiency is lacking, Latin I and II must be completed; if only Greek proficiency is lacking, Greek I and II. Equivalent evidence from other countries shall be recognised with account being taken of international equivalence agreements and exchange and mobility programmes. In case of doubt about equivalence, the specialist representative or the Central Office for Foreign Education should be consulted.

The Joint Doctoral Committee shall decide on exceptions in consultation with the supervisor.

5. For Russian, Polish, Czech, Ukrainian Serbian/Croatian, Turkish as evidence for the doctoral subject of East European History,

1) a 20-minute oral examination with a translation of a written text from the foreign language into German and check of the language skills before an examination committee appointed by the Dean's Office of Faculty 04 on a proposal by the Historical Institute.

2) Basic skills in other East European languages and East European languages not taught at JLU may be recognised (e.g. Romanian, Finno-Hungarian and Baltic languages). However, either mother-tongue skills (evidence of school reports, examinations) or an external examination by teaching staff from other universities are required, in consultation with the Dean's Office of Faculty 04.

(3) For Faculty 06 Psychology and Sports Science, the following shall also apply: Preparation of a Master’s thesis or Diplom thesis (individual work) in English may also be used as evidence of basic English language skills if this subject-specific language ability has been certified by a university lecturer in Psychology or Sports Science.

(4) If the required evidence of foreign language skills pursuant to Annex 2.B (1) cannot be provided, the applicant must take a language test to provide evidence of these skills.

The language test shall be conducted by a professor, a retired professor, a research assistant, a research associate or a private tutor from the Faculty responsible for the language concerned; as stipulated by the examiner, it may be conducted either as an oral test lasting 30 minutes or a written examination lasting three hours.

(5) The details regarding basic courses provided in the “Standard Requirements for the Abitur Examination” issued by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (Resolutions of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs; Standard Requirements for the Abitur Examination in English, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish; published in German by Neuwied, Luchterhand, 1982) shall be taken as a guide for the principles and the extent of the written or oral examination. In languages for which there are no “Standard Requirements”, the available resolutions shall be applied mutatis mutandis.

The Chair of the Joint Doctoral Committee shall appoint the examiner.