

Information sheet

about the linguistic requirements for acceptance and registration at Justus-Liebig-University Gießen as well as about participation in German courses at the International Student Office

1. The information you give in the section titled "Angaben zu den Deutschkenntnissen" (Details of German Proficiency; see attachment) must indicate that you have at least an **intermediate knowledge** of German. This is normally considered to be the case if you have passed the intermediate level examination (Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung [ZMP]) or the TestDaf exam with at least 14 points.

Your application should show clearly and in full how and when you acquired your knowledge of the German language. **Written certifications** of participation in German courses and of examinations taken are also required to support these details.

Presentation of **only** a certificate of registration in a course, or **only** the certificate of enrollment, or **only** the certificate of participation of your last German course, or **only** the certificate of your last examination is not sufficient. Please include **all** the written certifications for **all** the courses you mention.

2. After successful acceptance to the university, you will be required to pass an examination to certify your knowledge of German before you may register. This examination will determine whether your knowledge of German is adequate to study successfully at a German university, and is called **DSH** ("Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang ausländischer Studienbewerber"). There is an exam fee of 60,-Euro.

3. You may submit an **informal application for exemption from the DSH** if you have completed a degree in German Studies which is equivalent to a German university degree.

4. You are **exempted from DSH** if you:

- have achieved the academic standard required for university entrance in a German speaking country
- have achieved the academic standard required for university entrance in a German-speaking country
- have acquired your Abitur at a recognized German school abroad
- have already passed this examination at another university
- have completed a Sprachdiplom (Gross/Klein) at the Goethe Institute
- have acquired the standardized Sprachdiplom as defined by the Ministers of Education and the Arts (Kultusministerkonferenz), level II
- have passed the ZOP (Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung Goethe-Institut)
- have passed the TestDaf exam and achieved an average level of least TDN 4 (=16 points)

5. You will receive the **examination dates** with your notice of admission. Immediately before the examinations there will be a one-week **preparatory course**. Participation is not obligatory but is recommended.

6. The names of those who have **passed** the examination will be listed on a notice board on the ground floor of the International Student Office.

7. If you **do not pass** the examination, you can register for a **German course** at the International Student Office. This registration is not, however, a guarantee of participation in the course seeing as the number of participants is restricted to **25**. Therefore, some of the applicants will be required to take an **acceptance test** for this course.

General Information

- It is currently possible to repeat the examination **twice (In the future you will possibly only have the to repeat it once)**. Each repetition must be separated by one semester. Every **DSH** which you have taken at a German university or "Studienkolleg" will be counted. Therefore, when registering for the examination you must confirm that you will take the examination for the current semester **only** at Justus-Liebig-University. If you have already taken and failed the examination elsewhere, you are required to state at which universities.

Supplying incorrect information leads to annulment of the examination and to revocation of admission or removal from the university register.

- **Written certifications** of a passed exam will be sent directly to the Office of Admissions of Justus-Liebig-University, where they will remain as a part of the application documents. Duplicates of this certification can be obtained only after registration at Justus-Liebig-University and upon presentation of a certificate of registration.

- Those applicants who must attend a "Studienkolleg" before being accepted to the university can normally not be admitted to a German course at the International Student Office.

- **Elementary courses** are not offered at the International Student Office.

The **evening school** of Landkreis Gießen, however, offers elementary and intermediate courses in conjunction with the International Student Office for applicants to the university daytime-courses. These courses take place at the International Student Office and there is a fee for them. You can obtain more information about these courses during the office hours of the International Student Office.

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