



## **UR International – Exchange Students**

### **Language pre-requisites for incoming exchange students**

#### **What type of proof is accepted?**

UR accepts any type of official language exam such as TOEFL, IELTS, TELC, Cambridge Certificates etc as proof of English, and any type of official language exam such as TestDaF, Goethe-Zertifikate, TELC etc. as proof of German. For both languages, UR also accepts confirmations by the home university of the students.

It is important to point out though, that UR requires incoming exchange students to know German/English on level B2 (CEFR). Level B1 is not accepted as it is not sufficient for understanding and producing academic contents.

#### **Are language certificates accepted which are older than 2 years?**

As a general rule, language certificates should not be any older than 2 years unless one has continuously been practicing the foreign language. In doubt, students may ask us whether we accept their language certificates even if they are older than 2 years.

Knowing a foreign language is comparable to playing a musical instrument. If you haven't played it for a long time, you lose your practice and proficiency.

#### **Equivalencies:**

We consider the following test scores as equivalent to a language level of B2 (CEFR):

TOEFL (internet-based): 79

IELTS: 6.0 – 6.5

TOEIC: 400 – 485 (listening), 385-450 (reading)

DUOLINGO English Test: 105

Cambridge Language Certificate: 169 -176 or First Certificate

#### **When do students need to prove their language skills?**

Proof of language is part of the application documents. It therefore needs to be submitted together with the other documents for admission. In exceptional cases the language certificate can be handed in after the deadline. Students who have not yet achieved level B2 by the time of their application, are strongly advised to continue further language studies so that they can reach the required level by the time of their arrival in Regensburg.

# Special Language Requirements

## Students who want to take courses taught in German

In order to follow academic courses **taught in German**, students should have a sound level of **B2 in German**. Please note that the medical faculty regards a German level of end of B2/beginning of C1 at the time of their application as the minimum language requirement for their students, especially if they have patient contact. This also applies to the department of German (NOT *German as a Foreign Language* but *German Language and Literature*).

## Students who want to take courses taught in English:

Students wishing to take courses from the English-taught course program in the Faculty of **Business, Economics** and **Management Information Systems** should have English knowledge at **level B2/C1** (according to CEFR).

## Learning German

Students who want to take courses from German as a Foreign Language only (i.e. only improve their German language skills) do not need any prior knowledge in German.

They are advised to sign up for the intensive language course before the semester. This course is offered on all language levels from A1 – C1 and is allocated 12 ECTS.

During the semester, the language center offers a variety of courses on all language levels. Each course is credit based.