

Info-Sheet: Language Test Requirements

GLOBAL EXCHANGE & PROMOS

Your Global Exchange application is divided into two rounds: first you apply for an exchange spot at the International Office of the University of Siegen, then you apply for admission at the partner university abroad. For the first round of applications, a **language level of B2 or higher** in the selected language of instruction abroad is required. Your language certificate must meet the requirements outlined below and must have been issued within the past 2 years.



Some partner universities may require a higher language level. Please make sure that you meet the individual requirements before you select a partner university! Knowledge of the national language is only required for exchange options in Latin America.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH

For the first round of applications, the OnSET language placement test is sufficient. The Language Center will cover the costs for you—you don't have to pay anything. However, it is necessary to register for the test date in good time.

- OnSET-Test Dates and Registration:
<https://www.uni-siegen.de/sprachenzentrum/zertifikate/onset/?lang=de>
- OnSET Sample Test:
<https://www.onset.de/en/language-placement-test-english-onset/sample-test/>



If you prefer a different language test or have already completed a language test, you can submit other language test results. We currently accept the following formats: TOEFL iBT, TOEIC, IELTS, Cambridge, Duolingo (standardized English test, no app!).

Your test results will be compared with the requirements of the partner university during the selection process. The following comparison table is used for this purpose:

CEFR	OnSET	TOEFL ITP	TOEFL iBT	TOEIC	IELTS	Cambridge	Duolingo
C1	133	627	95	945	6.5	180	120
B2	98	543	72	785	5	160	90

Table entries are minimum scores for the respective level.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION/NATIONAL LANGUAGE SPANISH & PORTUGUESE

If you are planning to study in a country where Spanish or Portuguese is spoken as the national language, you must demonstrate a language level of at least A2. Currently, a Spanish placement test from the Language Center or Spanish/Portuguese course certificates are sufficient.



If your Spanish or Portuguese language skills are below B2, you must submit additional proof of English proficiency when registering online. The English proficiency certificate must meet the requirements (above).