



Information Leaflet Language Training with ERASMUS+

Improve your language skills before beginning your studies abroad!

Inter-institutional agreements, concerning the language prerequisites of ERASMUS+ students, have been made between the BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg and the partner universities of the ERASMUS+ programme.

You can learn more about what language prerequisites are necessary in the list of offered study opportunities.

It is important, that you should know of the proficiency skill required for admission and if necessary, improve these skills before commencing your studies abroad. That facilitates the beginning of your studies enormously.

All participating ERASMUS+ universities evaluate language proficiency according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. More information regarding this framework can be found on the following website: <http://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/>

ERASMUS+ supports students in developing the necessary language competence.

As for now, language skills can be improved and evaluated for a total of 22 languages, using **language examinations** (before and after your studies abroad) as well as free **online language courses**. These languages are Bulgarian, Czech, Croatian, Danish, Dutch, German, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Greek, Hungarian, Irish-Gaelic, Italian, Latvian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovakian, Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish.

The completion of these language examinations is mandatory as they contribute to the success of studies abroad and can document the development of your language skills. However, they are not a selection criterion for ERASMUS+ funding and will not be forwarded to the host institution.

Access is completely digital: Students will receive confirmation of their admission to the studies abroad programme via email from the International Relations Office of the BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg. Within this email the student will find information on how to log on and complete online training as well as take the online examinations.

Students who have received their admissions confirmation can also contact the International Relations Office of the BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg directly for further Information on, e.g. access to online language training.

The systematic application of checking and documenting the individual development of language skills across Europe demonstrates the efficacy of the ERASMUS+ programme. Find more information on the OLS assessment and language course on <http://erasmusplusols.eu/de/>

Proof of the language proficiency

Language proficiency and skill level can only be ultimately determined and verified by certification of, e.g. a private language institutes or universities with specific language programmes.

For your application to ERASMUS+ studies abroad programme with the BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg, please submit any language certifications you may have already obtained in compliance to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The sole submission of your secondary school leaving certificate will not be sufficient.

Your language proficiency level in any of the 22 European working languages can be determined in specific testing centres, which will be able to issue certification in compliance to the Common European Framework of References for Languages. A list of available testing centres in Germany can be found on the following website: <http://www.language-testing-service.de>

Should you have currently not completed your language courses, ask your language institution to issue a verification of your participation as well as the language level of your language course.

However, most partner universities will not ask for a language certificate, they trust the selection of the sending university. Inform yourself by checking the websites for ERASMUS+ Incoming students of your desired host university for language prerequisites/recommendations.