To study in an English language Ph.D. programme at BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg, among other things you will need good English language skills. You won’t be enrolled in the programme unless you submit an officially certified document proving your language competence. You can find information about possible exemptions from this rule on the second page “Exemptions of an English proficiency certificate”.

The following language certificates are accepted as the required proof of English language proficiency for studies in international Ph.D. programmes:

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A certificate proving language skills must be submitted either as an original document (TOEFL/IELTS – the official score report has to be sent to BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg directly by the TOEFL/IELTS institute) or as a certified copy (Cambridge Certificate/UniCert).

Certificates are also accepted from the following institutions (more information on the certification of documents you will find in the document “Certified copies”):

- abroad: diplomatic representatives of Germany, government agencies authorised to certify and notary publics
- in Germany: notary publics, justices of the law, city administration
Ph.D. Programme applicants with a higher education entrance qualification or who completed a secondary level degree (e.g. Bachelor or Master) in English from a country where English is an official language (see the list below), or Ph.D. applicants who completed a secondary level degree in English in Germany may be exempt from presenting a formal English language certificate.

List of countries where English is an official language*:

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| M | Malawi  
Malta  
Mauritius  
Montserrat |
| E | Eritrea            |
| N | Namibia  
New Zealand  
Nigeria |
| F | Falkland Islands   |
| P | Philippines  
Puerto Rico |
| G | Gambia  
Ghana  
Gibraltar  
Grenada  
Guyana  
Guernsey |
| S | Saint Kitts and Nevis  
Sierra Leone  
Singapore  
South Africa  
South Sudan |
| H | Hong Kong          |
| T | Trinidad and Tobago  
Turks and Caicos Islands |
| I | India  
Ireland  
Isle of Man |
| U | Uganda  
United Kingdom  
United States of America |
| J | Jamaica  
Jersey         |
| Z | Zambia  
Zimbabwe |

*Source: uni-assist (list of „Countries with English as an official language“, Latest Update 03/2019)