

Language Requirements for Exchange Students

Sufficient command of the host country's language is essential for the success of the study abroad stay. Not only for the academic success language skills are crucial. Good knowledge of German makes life a lot easier and helps you to settle in and come along in Aachen. Although RWTH Aachen University offers courses in English, the vast majority of lectures and seminars are offered in German only.

If you have any further questions about language requirements at RWTH Aachen University or about our general application procedure please do not hesitate to contact the Incoming Student Services at incomings@zhv.rwth-aachen.de.

- We require students applying for an exchange period at RWTH Aachen University to have at least B1.1 level of German knowledge in the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).
- Please note that students not meeting our language requirements may not be accepted as exchange students.

We do have some exceptions to the rule:

- Students taking English-taught courses exclusively** are required to attach a B1 certificate of ENGLISH (6.0 IELTS) and do not need to proof their German skills (although prior knowledge is highly recommended!).
- Students doing project work or writing their final thesis** under RWTH supervision may also be excluded from the rule since they can arrange with their supervisor to conduct the work in English. Hence, a B1 certificate of ENGLISH is required.
- Students holding an A2.2 certificate of German who are applying for the Intensive German Language Course** may apply with their A2.2 certificate because they will have acquired the B1 level by the beginning of term.

Accepted: language certificates using the **CEFR** (e.g. B1.1, B1.2, B2.1...)

Not accepted: high school diplomas or transcripts not informing about the level in the CEFR

Accepted proof of language proficiency: OnTestDaF, Goethe Institut, TestDaF

List of English taught course programmes:

www.rwth-aachen.de/studiengaenge
(filter by language of instruction)

The Intensive German Language Course is only offered prior to the **winter semester!**

The language level will be tested before the start of the language course and students who do not fulfill the minimum requirement of A2.2 will not be able to participate!