

## Proof of Language Proficiency for Students of English

Students studying for English degree programmes at the University of Oldenburg are required to prove a high level of English-language ability before commencing their studies. Potential students must meet one of the following set of criteria in order to gain admission:

- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): grade C
- Cambridge Certificate for Proficiency in English (CPE): grade C
- IELTS: overall score of 6.5
- TOEFL (internet-based): overall score of 95
- TOEFL (computer-based): overall score of 240
- TOEFL (ITP/institution-based): overall score of 587 (test only accepted when taken at the Language Centre in Oldenburg)
- A school leaving certificate (Abitur) certifying a total points score of eleven (11) or more in an advanced English course. This total is made up of an average of the final four semester grades and the final exam. The state of Lower Saxony assesses this result as equivalent to C1 level on the Common European Framework.

English courses in the department are delivered almost entirely in English from the first semester on, and include advanced practical English language courses as well as content courses in literature, cultural studies, linguistics, language sciences and language teaching. Bachelor and master theses in all areas other than language teaching are written in English; this is only optional for didactically-focused research.

As a result, English students from the University of Oldenburg develop their language competences from CEF level C1 to C1+ or C2 as they progress through their degree modules. Hence, they are well-equipped for further academic study with English as the medium of instruction as well as for workplace environments requiring a high level of English language proficiency.

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