Hello

Thank you for your interest in studying at the University of Münster. Among other things, applicants for all German taught degree programmes at the WWU Münster have to prove their German language proficiency, usually at DSH-2 level. For some degree programmes, exceptions apply (DSH-1 or DSH-3). Please find more information on the language requirements in our study programme guide: zsb.uni-muenster.de/studienfuehrer.

We accept the following certificates as a proof of your German language skills:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DSH-3-level:</th>
<th>DSH-2-level:</th>
<th>DSH-1-level</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DSH-3-certificate</td>
<td>A DSH-2 or DSH-3 certificate acquired at a German university or Studienkolleg</td>
<td>DSH-1-certificate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test DaF level 5 in all skills</td>
<td>TestDaF level 4 in all four skills: <a href="http://www.testdaf.de">www.testdaf.de</a></td>
<td>TestDaF certificate level 3 in all skills</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feststellungsprüfung (FSP): grade 1,0-2,4</td>
<td>Deutsches Sprachdiplom (German Language Diploma), Level II</td>
<td>Passed FSP (subject: German)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>in German</td>
<td>Goethe-Zertifikat C2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung (Advanced Level)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kleines/großes deutches Sprachdiplom</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>UNIcert-certificate, Levels III and IV</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Passed FSP (subject: German)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If you have taken part in a 3 year intensive German course at the end of your secondary school career (at least 4 lessons per week) with a "pass"-degree or obtained a degree in German studies, admission can be granted, in individual cases, by the university, without the need of a DSH-certification. Please check well in advance with the department „Lehrgebiet Deutsch als Fremdsprache”, if you qualify for exemption: ldafmail@wwu.de

**DSH-preparatory language courses at the University of Münster**

For applicants who already have B1-German language knowledge (according to the European reference framework), the WWU offers intensive German language courses. These take either one or two semesters, depending on the student’s performance, and end with the DSH 2/3 examinations. Please note that the semester dates of these courses are different from the 'normal' semester dates:

**Course Dates & Application periods**

- **Summer semester DSH-course dates:** January – July
  Application period: **November 3rd – 30th of the preceding year**

- **Winter semester DSH course dates:** August – January
  Application period: **May 3rd – May 31st of the same year**

**Fees & Social contribution**

- 500€ course fee per semester: You will get a refund of this fee if you pass the DSH exam and then start a degree programme at the University of Muenster. The fee will then be refunded at the beginning of your second study semester.

- 230€ social contribution fee per semester: Since participants of the language courses get enrolled as a language students at the University of Münster, the University's social contribution fee also has to be paid. You will get various benefits such as the NRW semester ticket in return.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- a university entrance qualification, and
- a B1 or B2 German language certificate (such as: Telc Deutsch B1, Deutsch-Test für Zuwanderer B1, Deutsch für den Beruf B1, Goethe Zertifikat B1, onDaF B1, DSD1 der KMK, level B1, Testdaf 3x3, one level below 3, a B1-certificate of the WWU’s Lehrgebiet DaF. Language certificates from other universities/language schools have to contain information on the course level (according to the GER), on course books used, on the duration of the course (number of hours) and the result achieved in the final exam.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To take part in the language course, you must apply via the online applications portal of the University of Münster within the application periods mentioned above:

https://studienbewerbung.uni-muenster.de/TLD.Zulix.Portal.Web/

1. Please complete the online application carefully. Under “subject”, please choose “Deutschkurs für Ausländer”. Please submit the form online after you have completed it.
2. After submitting your online application, you will receive a confirmation email that your application has been received by the WWU Münster containing a check sheet as an appendix that you can save on your computer. Please print the check sheet and sign it.
3. Please submit the signed check sheet by post, together with officially certified copies of all required certificates (as mentioned on your check sheet) to the WWU’s address (stated, as well, on the sheet). Usually, the required documents are:
   - A proof of higher education entrance qualification by secondary school leaving certificate, and university entrance exams, transcripts, degrees, if applicable.
   - A certification of your knowledge of German (B1 or B2, as stated above)

Any documents handed in must be officially certified copies which have been attested by the respective embassies, consulates, authorities or notaries. Documents in any other language than German or English have to be translated into one of these two languages by an official translator.

Please also note:

- Admissions for the language course entry test will be issued within three weeks after the end of deadline, rejection letters within six weeks
- You will only get admission to the language course entry test (level B1) – once you pass it, you are automatically in the course.
- Please also note that admission to the DSH-language course does not automatically lead to admission to a degree programme afterwards. After having completed the language course, you can apply for the degree programme you want to enrol in.

OTHER GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES IN MÜNSTER

If you have not yet reached level B1 or B2 in German, there are several other institutions in Münster that offer intensive German language courses at different levels:

- Language school “WiPDaF”: www.wipdaf-deutschkurse-muenster.de
- Volkshochschule Muenster (VHS): www.muenster.de/stadt/vhs/
- Bildungsinstitut Münster e.V. BIMS: www.bildungsinstitut.de
- German language academy: www.german-language-academy.com/de/

Good Luck!