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**Changed rules on special admission requirements
for the subject of English and the Program Advanced Anglophone Studies
at the English Seminar of Leibniz Universität Hannover**

§ 1 Scope

(1) All applicants (first semester students, students changing programs, transfer students from other universities) for the subject of English and the master degree program Advanced Anglophone Studies must prove the necessary English skills for admission.

In the Interdisciplinary Bachelor's Degree Program with English as a first or second subject and in the Bachelor Program of Technical Education with the subject of English, applicants have to prove language skills on the language level of at least B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

This verification is usually fulfilled by

- the confirmation on the higher education certificate (attesting continuous and successful attendance of English in the last four semesters) or courses taken in a context which qualifies on an equivalent level for university admission;
- internationally recognized language certificates or comparable language tests (see <https://www.fsz.uni-hannover.de/en-nachweise.html>).

(2) Applicants whose native language is English or who have acquired a university entrance qualification in an English-speaking country or with a university degree in a degree program in which English is the primary language of instruction do not need any further proof of their English level. Furthermore, students from exchange programs recognized by the English Seminar and students from the Political Science Bachelor program who have taken courses at the English Department as part of their elective area also do not need to prove any further knowledge of English.

(3) None of the language certificates, except for the upper class grades, must be older than three years at the beginning of study.

The results should generally be enclosed when applying for university admission, they are part of the application. In exceptional cases, the results can be handed in later, up until 30.09 of the application year (for an application for the winter semester) or by 31.03 of the application year (for an application for the summer semester).

(4) The recognition of native speaker status is carried out exclusively by the members of the English Department in charge of this task.

(5) The following regulations apply to **transfer students**:

- Proof of all previously earned course credits, and
- Proof of language proficiency in the form of a separate form (e.g. DAAD form) issued by the English Department of the previously attended university.

Based on these documents, the English Department of the Leibniz Universität Hannover will decide if it is necessary for the applicant to take one of the internationally recognized language tests (see <http://www.engsem.uni-hannover.de/sprachvoraussetzungen.html>).

(6) In case of doubt, the English Department of Leibniz Universität Hannover reserves the right to an individual examination.

§ 2 Aim of the test

(1) Through the test, the applicant should demonstrate that they are capable of successfully participating orally and/or in writing in the planned course of study. They must be able to understand relevant oral or written texts, to work with such texts and to write such texts on their own.

(2) This includes in particular:

(a) the ability to understand and explain processes, issues, thought processes as well as opinions and intentions and the ability to express one's own opinions and intentions adequately in English.

(b) the adequate mastery of vocabulary, morphology, syntax, text structures and idioms required for a master's program.

§ 3 Nature and structure of the tests

The nature and structure of the examinations are determined by the respective testing organizations.

§ 4 Review of examination

The minimum number of points/minimum score needed to reach the required language level is determined by the respective testing organizations.

§ 5 Registration, expiration and retesting

(1) Applicants are solely responsible for the registration for the above language tests and all related obligations.

(2) The procedure of the language tests is determined by the testing organization. There is no fixed examination length.

(3) Each test can be repeated as often as is allowed by the responsible testing organization.

§ 6 Legal claim

Having passed one of the aforementioned language tests does not establish a legal claim to admission to study English at the English Department of Leibniz Universität Hannover.

§ 7 Entry into force of regulation

These rules take effect on the day following their publication in the official announcements of Leibniz Universität Hannover.