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The Lower Saxony Ministry for Science and Culture has approved by a decree on 24.03.2015 (Az. : 27.5-74503-126) according to §§ 18 para. 6 and 14 NHG in conjunction with § 51 para. 3 NHG the following order on special admission requirements for the subject English at the English Department. It will take effect the day after its publication in the official journal of the Leibniz University Hannover.

**Rules on special admission requirements
for the subject of English at the English Department
at the Leibniz Universität Hannover**

§ 1 Scope

(1) All applicants (first semester students, students changing programs, transfer students from other universities) for the subject English and the master degree program Advanced Anglophone Studies must prove the necessary English skills for admission on the language level of at least B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This verification is usually fulfilled by:

- An average of at least 11 points in English in the last four semesters of a German high school, in a course with an advanced level or an average of at least 12 points in English in the last four semesters of a German high school, in a course with a lower level of requirements (English as ‘Seminarfach’ does not qualify), or courses taken in a context which qualifies on an equivalent level for university admission

- Internationally recognized language certificates or comparable language tests

(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. 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 completed when applying for university admission and be 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). When the minimum score/minimum grade established by the English Department is not achieved, registration cannot take place.

(4) The recognition of native speaker status is carried out exclusively by the responsible member of the English Department.

(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 University 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#c28117>).

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

§ 2 Aim of the test

(1) Through the test, the candidate should demonstrate orally and/or in writing that he/she is, in respect to the general language level, suited for the planned course of study. He or she must be able to understand relevant oral or written texts, to work with such texts and to write such texts independently.

(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 enter the mentioned programs in the English Department of the Leibniz University Hannover was determined by the English Department and can be read at <http://www.engsem.uni-hannover.de/sprachvoraussetzungen.html#c28117>.

§ 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 the Leibniz University Hannover.

§ 7 Entry into force of Regulation

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