

International Office

Language level required for ERASMUS+ Incoming Students at Bielefeld University

At the beginning of the lecture period students need to have this level of language skills:

Faculty/Department	Bachelor level	Master level
Biology	German B1	German/English B2
Chemisty/Biochemistry	German B1	German/English B1
Educational Science	German B1	German/English B1
History, Philosophy, Theology	German B1	German/English B1
Health Science	German B1	German B1
Linguistics und Literary Studies/Liberal Arts:		
German as a Foreign		
Language/German Studies	German B1	German B2
Linguistics	German B1	German/English B1
Literary Studies	German B1	German B1
Romance Cultures	German B1	German B1
Arts and Music	German B1	German B1
British and American Studies	English B2	English B2
Mathematics	German B1	German/English B1
Physics	German B1	German/English B1
Psychology	German B1/English B2	German B1/English B2
Law	German B1	German B1
Sports Science	German B1	German B1
Sociology/Political Science	German B1	German/English B1
Faculty of Technology	German B2	German/English B2
Economics/Business	German B1	German/English B1

Based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

The language requirements specified by the faculty or department concerned are binding for all students intending to take up Erasmus studies at Bielefeld University. Participation in an intensive German language course before the beginning of the lecture period provides an opportunity for an up-grade by one level within the CEFR. For this, students must attend regularly, hand in the required assignments and do the self-study program which is part of the intensive course. Students will gain 4 or 5 ECTS for this course, depending on the level they are in.

The level of English is required for students who intend to attend courses taught in English. However, please note that main teaching language is German. English taught courses are offered in following study programmes: all courses in British/American Studies are taught in English, as well as some international track courses in Sociology, Politics, Educational Science and Informatics, mainly on MA level; a few courses in Psychology, Philosophy, History, Business Administration and Natural Sciences are also taught in English, mostly on an advanced level. Some Master programs are taught almost entirely in English: Behaviour - from neural mechanisms to evolution; Quantitative Economics; Inter-American Studies (which offers also Spanish taught courses), see: http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/ekvv >> Courses taught in English