Infosheet Proficiency in German
For applicants whose native language is not German

Who needs to prove their German proficiency:

All Bachelor’s or Master’s applicants whose native language is not German have to prove their proficiency of German with a certificate.

Applicants for preparation courses, academic diploma courses or non-degree programmes will be tested during the entrance examination (oral exam).

Which level is required:

Level B1 for BA and MA study programmes
Level B2 for BA Music Education - Voice and Instruments (IGP)

According to CEF and „Zertifikat Deutsch“ of OSD.

By when do Bachelor’s or Master’s applicants have to prove their German proficiency:

The proof of German proficiency is required at enrolment.

In authorised cases admission is possible with German proficiency of at least level A2 (for IGP B1). By the end of the 2. semester, at the latest, a proof of German proficiency at level B1 (for IGP B2) is needed in order to be able to continue the study programme.

It is not necessary to have a German certificate to apply for the entrance exam.

Without a proof of German proficiency, the study programme cannot be started or continued!

Where can you get the certificates to prove your German proficiency:

German certificates can be obtained at any officially recognised language institute worldwide: www.osd.at / www.goethe.de

- Only certificates issued by officially recognized language schools (OSD certified) are accepted.
- Language certificates which are not considered equivalent to level B1/B2 have to be certified by a language institute.
- No German language certificate is needed, if the non-native speaker has graduated high school in Germany or Austria, or has an academic degree from a German-speaking university.