

## DAAD Sprachnachweis – Englisch

Sowohl für die Bewerbung um Studienplätze im Ausland als auch für DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) Stipendien ist in vielen Fällen ein DAAD Sprachnachweis zu erbringen. Der DAAD Test prüft alle sprachlichen Qualifikationen (Leseverstehen, Schreiben, Sprechen und Hörverständnis). Diese vier Fertigkeiten werden jeweils einzeln einer der Kompetenzstufen des Europäischen Referenzrahmens (A1, A2, B1, B2 bzw. C1) zugeordnet und die Ergebnisse werden in das DAAD-Sprachzeugnis-Formular eingetragen.

Seit Oktober 2023 gibt es für MSD Studierende die Möglichkeit ein DAAD-Zertifikat für die englische Sprache zu erhalten.

Für Studierende der MSD sind der Test und die Ausstellung des Sprachnachweises kostenlos.

Der DAAD-Test wird während der Vorlesungszeit angeboten. Planen Sie Ihren Test daher bitte frühzeitig und vereinbaren Sie einen Termin, der möglichst mindestens drei Wochen vor dem Ende Ihrer Bewerbungsfrist liegt.

Um einen Termin zu vereinbaren, gehen Sie bitte wie folgt vor:

- Bitte lesen Sie diese FAQ bevor Sie sich an die Koordinatorin für die DAAD-Sprachnachweise wenden (Frau Dr. Jessica Sanfilippo-Schulz).
- Falls Sie weitere Fragen haben, oder falls Sie einen Test-Termin vereinbaren wollen, wenden Sie sich bitte auch an Frau Dr. Sanfilippo-Schulz, [sanfilippo-schulz@fh-muenster.de](mailto:sanfilippo-schulz@fh-muenster.de)
- Für Testanmeldungen benötigt Frau Dr. Sanfilippo-Schulz die Informationen, die unter Punkt 6 aufgelistet sind. Bitte versichern Sie sich, dass diese Informationen Ihrer Mail angefügt sind.

### DAAD language certificate (English) - FAQ

#### 1. What is a DAAD language certificate?

The DAAD language certificate serves as proof of your language skills and is required for scholarships, studies abroad or internships abroad together with the other application documents.

#### 2. Do I need a DAAD certificate for the English language?

You might not need a DAAD certificate for English at all. You might already have a suitable certificate for the application stage of exchanges, or your partner university might not necessarily need the DAAD certificate (for example, not all Spanish partner universities require proof of your English language skills; and some universities have their own testing forms that have to be filled in by a MSD faculty member). You should check the exchange websites for details of the proofs of language proficiency required.

**3. The institution abroad requires proof of English proficiency. Will my partner university accept the DAAD certificate?**

Although many partner universities accept the DAAD certificate as proof of English proficiency, please note that it does not replace an internationally standardized test such as TOEFL, IELTS and Cambridge. Neither Frau Stute nor Frau Dr. Sanfilippo-Schulz can tell you whether the DAAD certificate is suitable for your plans. We strongly recommend that you check in advance, whether the chosen institution will accept the DAAD certificate. Please contact the exchange coordinator at your chosen institution abroad to find out more.

**4. The institution abroad only informed me that they require proof of English proficiency. Will they accept the DAAD certificate?**

The DAAD language certificate was developed by the German Academic Exchange Service to assess language skills for German students and university staff applying for scholarships, studies abroad or internships abroad. A number of universities abroad nowadays accept the DAAD certificate as proof of proficiency. For exchange coordinators abroad, who might not be familiar with the DAAD certificate, we will try to help you as best as we can and we will supply you with a letter that explains what the DAAD certificate is and how we tested you. You should send this letter to exchange coordinator together with your DAAD certificate.

**5. The partner university will accept the DAAD certificate and has required proof of language proficiency at B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Do I need to be tested?**

Depending on whether you have attended either an English language course at the FH Münster, or successfully completed a design course in English at the MSD, you might not have to sit all parts of the language test. We might also be able to transfer the language level that is recorded on your Abitur certificate to some parts of the DAAD certificate. This is why it is important to answer all the questions below, when contacting the testing coordinator Dr Jessica Sanfilippo-Schulz.

**6. The partner university has specifically asked for a DAAD certificate, how can I get one?**

Please send an email to Dr Jessica Sanfilippo-Schulz [sanfilippo-schulz@fh-muenster.de](mailto:sanfilippo-schulz@fh-muenster.de).

When writing to her for the first time, please always add the following information:

***Please provide your name and Matrikelnummer and answer the following questions:***

- a. When did you get your high school certificate exactly? Is a CEFR level mentioned on your Abitur certificate (for English).
- b. Have you attended any design courses in English at MSD?

- c. Do you need the English language certificate for a specific university abroad or for a DAAD/Promos/Erasmus funding?
- d. If you need the certificate for a university, which university & has this university informed you that you need level B2 for your application?
- e. How are you sending the application package? Are you doing this through Frau Stute or the international office or is it all being taken care of individually via an online application portal (by yourself)?
- f. When is the application deadline?

**7. What will I have to do in the test?**

The English test we have developed at MSD in order to issue the DAAD certificate consists of reading, writing, listening and speaking sections (both multiple choice and active production). After receiving the above information, Dr. Sanfilippo-Schulz will let you know which parts of the test you have to sit. Please bring a pen and either your student card or ID.

**8. When and where will the test take place? How long is the test?**

The test will take place at the MSD during term-time. Dr Sanfilippo-Schulz will give you more details.

**9. How can I prepare for the test?**

You can best prepare by reading and listening to English texts that focus on design.

**10. I am a student with a learning disability and I am entitled to an extension of time during exams. Does this also apply to the language test?**

Yes. Please discuss this with the examiner.

**11. I took the language test already, but did not obtain the level that the partner university requires. Can I take it again?**

You can take the test once per semester. We recommend you take part in an English course before re-sitting the test.

**12. How long is the certificate valid?**

The DAAD certificate is generally considered valid for 2 years from the date of issue.