English Language Tests

Frequently Asked Questions

When do the tests take place?

The tests are held at regular intervals throughout the year. The date for the next test is usually on the noticeboard outside D703, otherwise email wendi.zimmermann@uni-konstanz.de

How do I register for the test?

You can sign up on the list on the noticeboard (see above) or send me an email (also above). You will need your matriculation number in both instances.

Can I use a dictionary?

No.

Do I need to prepare anything beforehand?

No, it’s a diagnostic test designed to assess your current level of English.

What does the test consist of?

25 mins gap fill texts

35 mins essay

Approx. 10 mins speaking

Do I need to bring anything?

A pen, your form and your student ID card.

Which room is the test in?

Rooms are confirmed a few weeks before the test. See the noticeboard opposite D703.

When do I get my form back?

You will usually get it back on the same day. However, if there is a large number of students taking the test, the marking may take longer.

Who are the tests for?

The tests are for students at the University of Konstanz who are planning a semester abroad or an internship as part of their studies here. The test is NOT for students studying English as their
main subject; they should ask any lecturer from an SLI course they have successfully passed to fill in their form.

We do not offer language tests to students studying at other institutions.

The university abroad has asked for IELTS, TOEFL, CAE etc. Can I take one of these exams here?
No, the university is not an examination centre for external exams like these.

The university abroad has asked for level C1. Does this test give me a level like this?
You will get a level like this if you need a DAAD form. At present, the SLI form does not specify a level like this.

The university abroad has asked for a TOEFL score of 550. Does this test give me a score like this?
You can't take the TOEFL exam at the university. A TOEFL score of 550 is equivalent to around C1, which can be written on a DAAD form.

Do I need to pass every part of the test?
You can't pass or fail the test, it's designed to assess your level of English.

I did a test 6 months ago and now I need another English language assessment, do I need to do another test?
We keep the tests for 2 years. If you need another certificate during that period, you don't need to do another test; we can write you another one based on your previous results. It's a good idea to keep a copy of your certificate as this makes it easier for us.

I need a different form for the university I'm going to. Do I need to do a different test?
Not usually, but you should contact me beforehand/send me a copy of the form so I can check our test meets the requirements.