

TUM SOMex language requirements					as of October 2025
for internal TUM SOMex application only! For external language requirements see regulations of your host university.					
Proof of language proficiency (1st language requirement)					
Proof of language proficiency (1st language requirement)		Up to 18 Months	Between 18 Months and 24 Months	Older than 24 Months	
	English B2				
	Higher education entry diploma with proof of English B2 and a “satisfactory” grade (e.g. German Abitur: score of at least 7 points).	Valid as B2 for internal TUM SOMex application			
	Other official certificates using the CEFR	Valid as B2 for internal TUM SOMex application			
	English C1 or higher + all other languages				
	TOEFL	Valid	Valid for TUM SOMex application, but you have to make sure yourself to have a valid certificate for the application at the host university!	Not valid	
	IELTS	Valid	Valid for TUM SOMex application, but you have to make sure yourself to have a valid certificate for the application at the host university!	Not valid	
	Cambridge Certificate	Valid	Valid for TUM SOMex application, but you have to make sure yourself to have a valid certificate for the application at the host university!	Not valid	
	DAAD/ other official certificates using CEFR	Valid	Valid for TUM SOMex application, but you have to make sure yourself to have a valid certificate for the application at the host university!	Not valid	
	Passed language course at the TUM language center	Valid	Valid for TUM SOMex application, but you have to make sure yourself to have a valid certificate for the application at the host university!	Not valid	
	Passed language course of a renowned institution (i.e. Virtuelle Hochschule Bayern (vhb), Goethe Institut, Volkshochschule (VHS) etc.)	Valid	Valid for TUM SOMex application, but you have to make sure yourself to have a valid certificate for the application at the host university!	Not valid	
	German Abitur: - as proof of language proficiency in languages other than English	Valid (18 months after language class has last been taken)	Valid for TUM SOMex application, but you have to make sure yourself to have a valid certificate for the application at the host university!	Not valid	
	IB Diploma (only valid if the level of proficiency is indicated on the transcript or you can provide a separate confirmation of your school. Otherwise, please contact the TUM Language Center. *If you have completed at least 5 school years in the required language, your proof is valid for longer than 2 years.	Valid as C1	Valid for TUM SOMex application, but you have to make sure yourself to have a valid certificate for the application at the host university!*	Not valid*	
	Higher education entrance diploma conducted entirely in the required language in a country where the required language is the majority language (e.g. German Abitur completed in Germany is valid as proof of C1 in German OR Baccalauréat in France counts as proof of French etc).	Valid as C1			
	Completed bachelor’s degree conducted entirely in the required language	Valid as C1			

	Basic knowledge (2nd language requirement) (Even in cases where there is no mandatory second language requirement, students can improve their language score by demonstrating at least a basic knowledge of the language of the host country.)			
		Up to 18 Month	Between 18 Month and 24 Month	Older than 24 Month
Basic knowledge (2nd language requirement)	All documents listed for the 1st language requirement, can also be used as a proof for basic knowledge without expiration date	Valid as basic knowledge		
	Language classes during Secondary School	Valid as basic knowledge		
	Grade Report of a completed language course at the TUM language center	Valid as basic knowledge		
	Participation in current language course at the TUM language center (not completed yet)	Valid, regular participation has to be confirmed by language teacher. Please use the form "Proof of basic knowledge: Confirmation Language Course Attendance". You can find it in the download Center: www.mgt.tum.de/download-center -> International Exchange Programs -> International. The certificate of achievement has to be submitted after completion.		
	Synchronous online language course offered by a university that has a H+ Status in anabin	Valid as basic knowledge		
	OLS language test <u>AFTER</u> a <u>previous</u> ERASMUS+ stay abroad	Valid as basic knowledge		
	Language course via app (e.g. Duolingo, Babble etc.)	Not valid		