

Entry Test

Please note the following points:

1. All new students who want to study English in this department (B.A. Anglistik bzw Amerikanistik, Lehramt/B.A. Education, Angewandte Linguistik mit Englisch) must pass the Entry Test in order to be accepted for studies. No other test results are accepted.
2. Foreign students who want to take English classes for one semester or one year in Dresden (e.g. on an Erasmus exchange) do not take the Entry Test. These students should contact the language classes coordinator, Ms Erdmann, in the weeks before classes begin.
3. In order to take an Entry Test, choose the earliest date which suits you best (see the dates offered on this website under "[Studium – Entry Test](#)") and book a place by e-mail: ✉ entrytest@mailbox.tu-dresden.de We recommend that students take this test as early as possible so that they can make alternative plans if they do not pass the Entry Test.
4. Students make two applications:
 - to the university through the Immatrikulationsamt by filling the appropriate forms
 - to this department by applying for the Entry Test by e-mail (see email address above)
5. The deadline for both applications is 15th July for studies beginning in the winter semester.

N.B.: These deadlines are absolutely binding – late applications are not accepted.

In exceptional cases, the Entry Test can be taken on a later date. The certificate would then be handed in after official registration.

6. The Entry Test consists of:

A computerised test on grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation - 80 minutes

7. We expect an excellent command of English (i.e. near-native speaker standard) by the end of studies in our department. This can only be realistically achieved if students of English and American Studies have good competence in written and spoken English at the beginning of their studies.
8. The level of our Entry Test is oriented towards levels C1/B2 of the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages". For more information, see [COE-Homepage](#).
9. Please note that in our Entry Test we lay great weight on a good command of English grammar and that good communication skills alone will not guarantee a pass in this test. Should you want to prepare for this test, we recommend:
 - "English Grammar in Use" by Raymond Murphy (CUP)
 - "New Headway English Course, Upper-Intermediate, Student's Book" by Soars (OUP)
 - "New Headway English Course, Upper-Intermediate, Workbook" by Soars (OUP)

10. At the end of the Entry Test students receive their results:

Minimum entry level is defined as scoring a minimum of 65% in our test. Proof of passing the Entry Test is given in the form of a certificate. This must be sent to the Immatrikulationsamt as soon as possible.

11. An Entry Test pass is valid for the coming semester and the following semester only.

12. If you do not pass the Entry Test, you can only take the test again in the next or later series of test dates for following semesters. We recommend that students who fail the test but still want to study English in our department take steps to improve their English, e.g. live in an English-speaking country for six months or one year, or attend a language course (see: www.tudias.de) at Upper-Intermediate level.