

Certification of General Languages

The certification of ECTS for students at University Hamburg requires:

- the attendance of 80% and the active participation in the class' activities,
- regular preparation and follow-up work and
- obligatory additional homework
- Furthermore, you have to achieve 60% on the exam sat at the end of the course.

If all these requirements are complied with, a certificate will be awarded to you.

The workload indicated in ECTS (*credits*) depends on the contact hours and the time provided for self-directed learning in accordance to the particular level of the language course. The following overview shows the amount of credits according to the level and the amount of contact hours of the individual course:

Language course level		Contact hours (UE) (1 UE = 1 teaching unit = 45 min)	ECTS (Credits)
A1.1 – A1.2	I.1 – I.2 – I.3	28	2
A1 – A1.1 – A1.2		42	3
A1		48	3
A1	I	56	4
A2 – A2.1 – A2.2 – A2.3 – B1.1 – B1.2 – B1.3	II.1 – II.2 – II.3 – III.1 – III.2 – III.3 – IV.1 – IV.2 – IV.3 – V.1	28	3
A2 – A2.1 – A2.2	II.1 & 2 – II.3	42 – 56	4

If a language level and the correspondent credits are not indicated in this table, please contact: sprachkurse@uni-hamburg.de.

Please note that the credits are entered in STiNE by the examination office respectively by the administrative office of your department.

For each language level credits are only awarded once!

Rating/Grade

Your performance will be graded. Corresponding with the language level the final grade proportionally results from the grade you achieve on the written exam and the grade for self-directed work:

	level A1	level A2	level B1
written test	80 %	70 %	60 %
oral participation, homework, presentations, etc.	20 %	30 %	40 %
final grade	100 %	100 %	100%

The grade and the credits are indicated on the certificate. A certificate without grade and credits is issued on demand only.

The determination of the particular grade follows the scheme below:

Percentage	German Grade	ECTS Grades		
100-97 %	1,0 sehr gut	A	Excellent	hervorragend
96-93 %	1,3 sehr gut	A	Excellent	hervorragend
92-89 %	1,7 gut	B	Very good	sehr gut
88-85 %	2,0 gut	B	Very good	sehr gut
84-81 %	2,3 gut	C	Good	gut
80-77 %	2,7 befriedigend	C	Good	gut
76-73 %	3,0 befriedigend	C	Good	gut
72-69 %	3,3 befriedigend	D	Satisfactory	befriedigend
68-65 %	3,7 ausreichend	E	Sufficient	ausreichend
64-60 %	4,0 ausreichend	E	Sufficient	ausreichend
< 60 %	5,0 mangelhaft	F/FX	Fail	nicht bestanden

The certificate will be sent electronically, in certified form via email. Should your department not accept the electronic version we will be willing to add a signature and stamp. Please do not hesitate to contact us at our [opening times](#) or per email sprachkurse@uni-hamburg.de.