

Module Guide

for

ECTS Language Courses

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About ECTS Language Courses

With the enactment of its Strategic Development Plan in 2017, Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences made a collective decision to incorporate foreign language courses into the curricula of its degree programmes. Since then, numerous degree programmes have undergone the reaccreditation process and, accordingly, an increasingly large number of degree programmes now allow students to complete a qualifying language course for credit to fulfil elective requirements. The following overview provides information to students to help recognise their own eligibility and understand the credit recognition process

Determining your eligibility

Students are only eligible to receive ECTS credits for a language course if their curriculum allows it. The first step is thus to refer to the examination regulations for your degree programme, in particular the curricular overview provided in the annex, to determine whether language courses are defined as a permissible module:

- [Faculty of Technology and Bionics](#)
- [Faculty of Life Sciences](#)
- [Faculty of Society and Economics](#)
- [Faculty of Communication and Environment](#)

For eligible students, qualifying language courses may be recognised for 5 ECTS credits. Your degree programme's curriculum will also define how many times you are permitted to receive credit for a language course (usually once). If you need assistance understanding your examination regulations, please speak with your faculty.

Eligible language courses

Only the language courses in this module guide are eligible for recognition, as they adhere to the workload requirements for ECTS credits (1 credit = approx. 25 hours). As an international university, however, we offer a wide range of additional courses in leading world languages, for example, Chinese, Russian and Spanish. Unless otherwise stated, these courses are not currently eligible for recognition, as they do not fulfil the necessary requirements for the awarding of 5 ECTS credits.

Please note that students are not eligible to complete a course in their native language for credit.

Recognition process

In order to complete a language course for credit, you must first register in Moodle during an official registration period using our portals for [Kleve](#) or [Kamp-Lintfort](#). In the first session of the course, you must fill out an attendance sheet – here you must indicate with a tick in the appropriate box that you would like to complete the language course for credit.

The course syllabus – as well as the corresponding module description below – details the requirements you must complete in order to earn credit. If you successfully complete all requirements with a passing grade (a “4” on the German grading scale), the International Center will inform Examination Services on your behalf. 5 ECTS will then be credited to your HIS account. Note that this process can take some time, as we must first process all course results completely before submitting a list of eligible students for credit.

Whether the grade you earned in your language course is entered into HIS depends on your examination regulations. In most cases, the language course will be treated as an un-graded certificate requirement (pass/fail).

Continuing your learning progression

Naturally, a single language course is just a start.

You can continue learning a language at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences even if you have already received credit for a previous level. Please note, however, that your registration will have less priority than for eligible students who have not yet completed a language course for credit. In some cases, we may need to assign your seat instead to an eligible student. Refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#), Section 3, for more information.

German as a Foreign Language (DaF)

German A1.1

Module	German for International Students: Level A1.1
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	None
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h of classroom instruction - Approx. 100 h of: successful completion of eLearning activities in Moodle, homework and examination preparation
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of course	Language course, 4 h per week
Participants (max.)	20
Learning objectives and skills	The main objective of this module is to develop students' verbal communication skills in German as well as to impart to them effective general learning and communication strategies. Upon successful completion of this module, students should be able to navigate common everyday situations using simple linguistic means of communication.
Contents	<p>Module contents are based on the "can-do statements" of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for the level A1.1. All four skills areas – Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing – are practised through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listening and conducting dialogues - Pronunciation/phonetic exercises - Reading and comprehending short texts - Writing short messages
Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written examination (reading, listening, writing) (90 min.) - Oral examination (usually with partner(s)) (15 min.)
Grading	The grade for the module is derived from the overall final grade of the examination.
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular course attendance (at least 11 of 13 sessions, or 84% of a course) - Successful completion of eLearning activities in Moodle - Instructor's assessment of students' learning processes - Passing the final examination
Literature and materials	<p><i>Studio [21] Das Deutschbuch A1 (Gesamtband)</i> Additional practice: <i>Studio [21] Intensivtraining A1</i></p>

German A1.2

Module	German for International Students: Level A1.2
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	Students must have successfully completed German A1.1 through the International Center or, alternatively, an official placement test administered by the International Center confirming the student has the correct proficiency level to attend this course.
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h classroom instruction - Approx. 100 h of: successful completion of eLearning activities in Moodle, homework and examination preparation
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of Course	Language course, 4 h per week
Participants (max.)	20
Learning objectives and skills	The main objective of this module is the continued development of students' verbal communication skills by expanding their passive and active vocabularies and solidifying their grasp on underlying grammatical structures. Upon successful completion of this module, students should be able to navigate common everyday situations using simple linguistic means of communication.
Contents	<p>Module contents are based on the "can-do statements" of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for the level A1.2. All four skills areas – Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing – are practised through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listening and conducting dialogues - Pronunciation/phonetic exercises - Reading and comprehending short texts - Writing short messages
Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written examination (reading, listening, writing) (90 min.) - Oral examination (usually with partner(s)) (15 min.)
Grading	The grade for the module is derived from the overall final grade of the examination.
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular classroom attendance (11 of 13 sessions, or 80%) - Successful completion of eLearning activities in Moodle - Instructor's assessment of students' language proficiency and development - Passing the final examination
Literature and materials	<p><i>Studio [21] Das Deutschbuch A1 (Gesamtband)</i> Additional practice: <i>Studio [21] Intensivtraining A1</i></p>

German A2.1

Module	German for International Students: Level A2.1
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	Students must have successfully completed German A1.2 through the International Center or, alternatively, an official placement test administered by the International Center confirming the student has the correct proficiency level to attend this course.
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h classroom instruction - Approx. 100 h of: obligatory eLearning exercises in Moodle, homework and examination preparation
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of course	Language course, 4 h per week
Participants (max.)	20
Learning objectives and skills	The main objective of this module is to continue developing students' communicative skills by expanding and solidifying passive and active vocabularies and strengthening both their understanding and command of grammatical structures appropriate to this level. Upon successful completion of this module, students should be able to navigate many everyday situations using limited means of communication, as well as produce and understand commonly used terms and phrases in German. Continued practice of learning strategies is also a central component of this module.
Contents	Module contents are based on the "can-do statements" of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for the level A2.1. Students will develop all skills areas (listening, speaking, reading and writing).
Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written examination (reading, listening, writing) (90 min.) - Oral examination (usually with partner(s)) (15 min.)
Grading	The grade for the module is derived from the overall final grade of the examination.
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular classroom attendance (11 of 13 sessions, or 84%) - Successful completion of obligatory eLearning activities in Moodle - Instructor's assessment of students' language proficiency and development - Passing grade for the final exam
Literature and materials	<i>Studio [21] Das Deutschbuch A2 (Gesamtband)</i> Additional practice: <i>Studio [21] Intensivtraining A2</i>

German A2.2

Module	German for International Students: Level A2.2
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	Students must have successfully completed German A2.1 through the International Center or, alternatively, an official placement test administered by the International Center confirming the student has the correct proficiency level to attend this course.
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h classroom instruction - Approx. 100 h of: obligatory eLearning exercises in Moodle, homework and examination preparation
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of course	Language course, 4 h per week
Participants (max.)	20
Learning objectives and skills	The main objective of this module is to continue developing students' communicative skills by expanding and solidifying passive and active vocabularies and strengthening both their understanding and command of grammatical structures appropriate to this level. Upon successful completion of this module, students should be able to navigate many everyday situations using limited means of communication, as well as produce and understand commonly used terms and phrases in German. Continued practice of learning strategies is also a central component of this module.
Contents	Module contents are based on the "can-do statements" of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for the level A2.2. Students will develop all skills areas (listening, speaking, reading and writing).
Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written examination (reading, listening, writing) (90 min.) - Oral examination (usually with partner(s)) (15 min.)
Grading	The grade for the module is derived from the overall final grade of the examination.
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular classroom attendance (11 of 13 sessions, or 84%) - Successful completion of obligatory eLearning activities in Moodle - Instructor's assessment of students' language proficiency and development - Passing grade for the final exam
Literature and materials	<i>Studio [21] Das Deutschbuch A2 (Gesamtband)</i> Additional practice: <i>Studio [21] Intensivtraining A2</i>

German B1.1

Module	German for International Students: Level B1.1
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	Students must have successfully completed German A2.2 through the International Center or, alternatively, an official placement test administered by the International Center confirming the student has the correct proficiency level to attend this course.
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h of classroom instruction - Approx. 50 h obligatory language practice in Moodle - Approx. 50 h of project preparation and presentation
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of course	Language course, 4 h per week
Language of instruction	German
Participants (max.)	20
Learning objectives and skills	The main objective of this module is the development of applied language skills so that students can communicate effectively in German both on and off campus. Developing effective writing skills receives more focus at the B1 level as well. Upon successful completion of this module, students should be able to give short presentations on specific (intercultural) topics and answer related questions from the audience.
Contents	Module contents are based on the “can-do statements” of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for the level B1.1.
Examination	Written examination with sections for reading, listening and writing (150 minutes) Additional oral examination (15 minutes)
Grading	The final grade for this module is calculated from the examination and graded project work (where applicable).
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular classroom attendance (11 of 13 sessions, or 84%) - Graded project work (min. grade “4” or better) (Only compulsory for ECTS recognition) - Completion of obligatory eLearning activities in Moodle (all students) - Instructor’s assessment of student’s participation in class - Passing grade for the final exam
Literature and materials	<i>Studio [21] Das Deutschbuch B1 (Gesamtband)</i> , as well as the corresponding CDs / audio tracks from the publisher

German B1.2

Module	German for International Students: Level B1.2
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	Students must have successfully completed German B1.1 through the International Center or, alternatively, an official placement test administered by the International Center confirming the student has the correct proficiency level to attend this course.
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h of classroom instruction - Approx. 50 h obligatory language practice in Moodle - Approx. 50 h of project preparation and presentation
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of course	Language course, 4 h per week
Language of instruction	German
Participants (max.)	20
Learning Objectives / Competences	The main objective of this module is to practice continuously students' productive and receptive language skills, with an increased focus on autonomous learning. Upon successful completion of this module, students are able to hold presentations in German on a prepared topic and engage in a follow-up discussion afterwards.
Contents	Module contents are based on the "can-do statements" of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for the level B1.2.
Examination	Written examination (reading, listening, writing) (150 min.) with subsequent oral examination (usually with partner(s)) (15 min.)
Grading	The final grade for this module is calculated from the examination and, where appropriate, graded project work.
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular classroom attendance (11 of 13 sessions, or 84%) - Graded project work (min. grade "4" or better) (Only compulsory for ECTS recognition) - Completion of obligatory eLearning activities in Moodle (all students) - Instructor's assessment of student's participation in class - Passing the final examination
Literature and materials	<i>Studio [21] Das Deutschbuch B1 (Gesamtband)</i> , as well as the corresponding CDs from publisher

English as a Foreign Language (EFL)

Note: The actual selection of available modules varies each semester.

General English B1/B2

Module	General English B1/B2
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	Successful completion of English A2.2 or equivalent proficiency
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h of classroom instruction - Approx. 100 h of preparation for instruction, examination preparation and project work
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of course	Language course, 4 h per week
Language of instruction	English
Participants (max.)	20
Learning objectives and skills	Continuous improvement of all productive and receptive language skills with an increasing focus on vocabulary expansion (with advanced vocabulary/terminology from the B2 level onwards). Upon successful completion of this module, students are able to hold presentations in German on a topic related to their studies and engage in a follow-up discussion afterwards.
Contents	Module contents are based on the “can-do statements” of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for the level B1.2/B2.1.
Examination	Written examination with sections for reading, listening (60 minutes) as well as project work with a presentation (10 minutes)
Grading	Average of all awarded grades (final examination plus project with min. grade “4” or better)
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular attendance (min. 11 of 13 sessions) - Active participation (10% of grade) - Project work (presentation) - Passing grade for the final exam
Literature and materials	English Unlimited B1+. Additional materials will be announced in class.

English Conversation

Module	English Conversation
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	Successful completion of English B1 or equivalent proficiency
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h of classroom instruction - 100 h of preparation and project work
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of course	Language course, 4 h per week
Language of instruction	English
Participants (max.)	20
Learning objectives and skills	This English course focuses primarily on two skills: speaking and listening. It is geared towards students with a strong foundation in English, but who lack the speaking experience needed to articulate themselves comfortably and confidently in an academic setting. The course is based on group discussions on contemporary topics to convey and practice grammar and vocabulary (as needed by the participants), as well as on skills for giving presentations in public.
Contents	The contents and complexity of this module were developed based on the “can-do statements” of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for the level B2. Students are also encouraged to suggest additional topics from their own fields of study or areas of interest.
Examination	Project work in the form of a short presentation (40% of final grade), active participation (40%) and a final reflective report centred on the project and personal development (20%)
Grading	Average of all grades awarded (project, reflective report, active participation)
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular attendance (min. 11 of 13 sessions) - Active participation (40% of grade) - Project work (presentation)
Literature and materials	Speakout Upper Intermediate 2nd Edition Students' Book and DVD-ROM Pack (ISBN 978-1292116013)

Academic English

Module	Academic English
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	B1
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h of classroom instruction - Approx. 100 h of preparation for instruction, examination preparation and project work
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of course	Language course, 4 h per week
Language of instruction	English
Participants (max.)	20
Learning objectives and skills	All language skills (speaking, reading, writing, listening) will be trained and improved with an emphasis on academic topics. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to accurately differentiate between “general English” and “academic English”, understand and compose texts at an academic level, present arguments in an academic manner as well as hold an academic presentation on topics relevant to their studies and engage in a follow-up discussion afterwards.
Contents	Course contents are derived solely from academic contexts: technical language exercises, structure of academic texts, citation methods, note-taking strategies, conducting discussions and presentations in an academic context
Examination	Final examination with sections for reading, listening and composition (60 minutes), as well as project work with a presentation (10 minutes) and active participation
Grading	Average of all grades awarded (final examination, project, active participation – each graded a “4” or better)
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular attendance (min. 11 of 13 sessions) - Active participation (20% of grade) - Project work (presentation) (40% of grade) - Final examination (40% of grade)
Literature and materials	Reader: Academic English, available in the library

English for Business B2

Module	English for Business B2
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	Successful completion of English B1 or equivalent proficiency
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h of classroom instruction - Approx. 100 h of preparation for instruction, examination preparation and project work
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of course	Language course, 4 h per week
Language of instruction	English
Participants (max.)	20
Learning objectives and skills	Continuous improvement of all productive and receptive language skills with an emphasis on developing students' understanding and application of specialist vocabulary and terminology from the field of Business English. Upon completing this module, students are able to compose business emails, negotiate and defend their own interests, submit professional applications for employment as well as hold presentations on a prepared topic related to business or economics and lead a follow-up discussion with course participants.
Contents	The contents and complexity of this module were developed based on the "can-do statements" of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for the level B2.1. All topics covered in this course are derived from business contexts.
Examination	Final examination with sections for reading, listening (60 minutes) as well as project work with a presentation (10 minutes)
Grading	Average of all grades acquired in module (final examination and project)
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular attendance (min. 11 of 13 sessions) - Active participation (10% of grade) - Project work (presentation) - Passing grade for the final exam
Literature and materials	Reader: Business English, available in the library

Technical English

Module	Technical English
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	Successful completion of English B1 or equivalent proficiency
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h of classroom instruction - Approx. 100 h of preparation for instruction, examination preparation and project work
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of course	Language course, 4 h per week
Language of instruction	English
Participants (max.)	20
Learning objectives and skills	<p>Continuous improvement of all productive and receptive language skills with an emphasis on developing students' understanding and application of specialist vocabulary and terminology from the field of Technical English. This course will improve students' abilities to understand and compose technical texts, while also enhancing their English skills in a number of key technical areas: units of measurement, descriptions of graphics and figures, technical specs, functions, processes, materials and material properties. Students are also encouraged to suggest additional topics from their own fields of study.</p>
Contents	<p>The contents and complexity of this module were developed based on the "can-do statements" of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for the level B2. Topics are gathered from a variety of technical fields and applications.</p>
Examination	<p>Final examination with sections for reading, listening and composition (50% of grade), as well as a project in the form of a short presentation (40% of grade) and active participation (10%)</p>
Grading	<p>Average of all grades awarded (final examination, project, active participation)</p>
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular attendance (min. 11 of 13 sessions) - Active participation (10% of grade) - Project work (presentation) - Passing grade for the final exam
Literature and materials	<p>Materials are provided in class</p>

English C1

Module	English as a Foreign Language – C1.1
Code	See faculty module guide
Coordinator	International Center
Type of module	Elective
Offered	Every semester
Duration	One semester
Prerequisites	Students must have successfully completed English as a Foreign Language B2.2 through the International Center or, alternatively, an official placement test administered by the International Center confirming the student has the correct proficiency level to attend this course.
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 50 h of classroom instruction - Approx. 100 h of preparation for instruction, examination preparation and project work
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Type of course	Language course, 4 h per week
Language of instruction	English
Participants (max.)	20
Learning objectives and skills	On the basis of reference level C1.1 (CEFR), this module aims to further develop students' productive and receptive language skills as well as expand their linguistic register with specialist language for academic contexts. Upon successful completion of this module, students are capable of engaging in advanced discussions and producing advanced texts on academic topics. Students will hone subject-specific proficiency in English in a higher education setting with an emphasis on practical application. This imparts to them the skills needed to successfully complete a degree programme taught in English, an internship in English, or a period of study abroad or research in English.
Contents	Module contents are based on the "can-do statements" of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for the level C.1.1.
Examination	Written examination with sections for reading, listening (60 minutes) as well as project work with a presentation (20 minutes)
Grading	Average of all grades acquired in module (final examination and project)
Requirements for the recognition of credit points (ECTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular attendance (min. 11 of 13 sessions) - Active participation (10% of grade) - Project work (presentation) - Passing grade for the final exam
Literature and materials	English Unlimited C1. Additional materials will be announced in class.