



Überarbeitung 2017

Niveaustufenbeschreibung Englisch UNIcert®-Stufen Basis, I - IV

UNIcert® Basis – Language for Academic Purposes

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNIcert® Level Basis (preliminary to UNIcert® Level I) comprising approx. xxx teaching units (approx. xxx hours' workload). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of this certificate has acquired the basic skills necessary for direct exchange of information in routine situations.

He/She understands spoken and written sentences and frequently-used expressions relating to general or study-related subjects. He/She is able to give information on selected topics of direct relevance to himself/herself (e.g. background, education and training, family, personal situation) using basic language structures. He/She has also acquired basic intercultural skills appropriate to this level.

This certificate has been accredited by the German Association of University Language Centres (AKS) as a UNIcert® Level Basis certificate, preliminary to UNIcert® Level I, within the UNIcert®-system of four distinct levels I - IV. The level of achievement designated by the UNIcert® Basis certificate is oriented towards level A2 "Waystage" of the Council of Europe's *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*.

UNIcert® Level I – Language for Academic Purposes

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNIcert® Level I (xxx teaching units / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has a solid basic command of the target language, which enables him/her to cope with a selection of routine general, professional and academic situations.

When reading and listening he/she can understand the key information in presentations on common general and study-related topics. In written and spoken language, he/she can express and exchange information and ideas on topics of general interest, on personal matters and on those related to his/her field of study using basic means of expression and grammatical structures and a basic range of vocabulary. He/She is familiar with a selection of intercultural aspects related to the target language and its culture.

This certificate has been accredited by The German Association of Language Centres (AKS) as a UNICert® Level I certificate, within the UNICert® system of four distinct levels I - IV. The level of achievement designated by the UNICert® Level I certificate is oriented towards Level B1 "Threshold" of the Council of Europe's *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*.

UNICert® Level II – Language for Academic Purposes

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNICert® Level II (xxx teaching units / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has acquired the necessary basic command of the language to enable him/her to work or study in a country of the target language (basic student mobility level).

He/She understands the main content of general, professional and academic texts with general vocabulary or vocabulary from his/her field of study such as encountered in speeches and lectures as well as in longer texts of medium difficulty. He/She can express himself/herself appropriately both in writing and in speaking on a variety of cultural and subject-specific topics and participate actively in such discussions making some use of complex sentence structures and subject-specific vocabulary. Within this field he/she has gained sociocultural awareness and intercultural skills.

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UNICert® Level II – Language for Specific Purposes

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNICert® Level II (xxx teaching units / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has acquired the necessary basic command of the language to enable him/her to work or study in a country of the target language (basic student mobility level).

He/She understands the main content of general, professional and academic texts with general vocabulary or vocabulary from his/her field of study such as encountered in speeches and lectures as well as in longer texts of medium difficulty. He/She can express himself/herself appropriately both in writing and in speaking on a variety of cultural and subject-specific topics and participate actively in such discussions making some use of complex sentence structures and subject-specific vocabulary. Within this field he/she has gained sociocultural awareness and intercultural skills.

optional: In the field of XXX he/she has a command of the necessary lexis and structures, in particular in the special topic(s) of XXX, and can demonstrate the necessary subject knowledge and skills appropriate to this field.

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UNCert® Level III – Language for Academic Purposes

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNCert® Level III (xxx teaching units / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has acquired a degree of language proficiency, which enables him/her to work or study effortlessly, i.e. without any need for further explicit language instruction, in a country of the target language (recommended student mobility level).

He/She is proficient in the language skills of a general academic and professional nature such as are necessary to be able to communicate without effort with others, demonstrating flexibility and variety in his/her modes of expression. He/She can cope with the vocabulary and structures of demanding, extensive, original, written and spoken materials on general topics as well as on those related to his/her intended profession, such as complex lectures, where he/she can comprehend both explicit and implicit information and follow the content in detail. He/She can express himself/herself fluently and effectively both in speech and in writing on a range of complex topics relevant to his/her field of study within the context of his/her work and study abroad, making use of sophisticated structures and an extensive range of general and specialised vocabulary. He/She can express his/her own views coherently, cohesively, logically and in a stylistically appropriate manner. He/She can use his/her socio-cultural knowledge appropriately. In intercultural contexts he/she performs naturally and with confidence.

This certificate has been accredited by The German Association of Language Centres (AKS) as a UNCert® Level III certificate, within the UNCert® system of four distinct levels (I - IV). The level of achievement designated by the UNCert® Level III certificate is oriented towards Level C1 "Effective Operational Proficiency" of the Council of Europe's *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*.

UNCert® Level III – Language for Specific Purposes

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNCert® Level III (xxx teaching units / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has acquired a degree of language proficiency which enables him/her to work or study effortlessly, i.e. without any need for further explicit language instruction, in a country of the target language (recommended student mobility level).

He/She is proficient in the language skills of a general, academic and professional nature such as are necessary to be able to communicate without effort with others, demonstrating flexibility and variety in his/her modes of expression. He/She can cope with the vocabulary and structures of demanding, extensive, original, written and spoken materials on general topics as well as on those related to his/her intended profession, such as complex lectures where he/she can comprehend both explicit and implicit information and follow the content in detail. He/She can express himself/herself fluently and effectively both in speech and writing on a range of complex topics relevant to his/her field of study within the context of his/her work and study abroad, making use of sophisticated structures and an extensive range of general and specialised vocabulary. He/She can express his/her own views coherently, cohesively, logically and in a stylistically appropriate manner. He/She can use his/her socio-cultural knowledge appropriately. In intercultural contexts he/she performs naturally and with confidence.

optional: He/she has a command of the lexis and structures required by his/her specialised field of XXX and can demonstrate the necessary subject knowledge and skills appropriate to this field.

This certificate has been accredited by The German Association of Language Centres (AKS) as a UNlcert® Level III certificate, within the UNlcert® system of four distinct levels (I - IV). The level of achievement designated by the UNlcert® Level III certificate is oriented towards Level C1 "Effective Operational Proficiency" of the Council of Europe's *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*.

UNlcert® Level IV – Language for Academic Purposes

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNlcert® Level IV (xxx teaching units / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has acquired a comprehensive general and subject-specific command of the language at a highly advanced professional level.

His/Her communicative competence in the language enables him/her to react correctly, fluently and appropriately in all routine, academic, occupational and professional situations at a level that is almost commensurate with that of an educated native-speaker. He/She is entirely familiar with the specifics of the target language culture, so that he/she is able to communicate effortlessly, spontaneously and naturally with native speakers of that culture. He/She can understand complex original spoken and written materials, with highly demanding vocabulary and structures, on a wide range of topics of a general and a professional nature. He/She can understand extensive original spoken texts of high complexity, can identify the tone and degree of formality used in the foreign language and is familiar with the specific terminology and language of his/her field of study and intended profession. He/She can hold his/her own in demanding, complex exchanges, discussions and debates unhampered by any noticeable linguistic limitations and can express his/her standpoint in detail and in a differentiated manner both in written and spoken form on a wide range of matters. He/She can give logically structured, fluent presentations, which he/she can subsequently turn into publishable form, on a wide range of topics using a rich variety of structures and vocabulary. He/She can develop his/her personal views logically, supporting them with differentiated and convincing arguments. Utilizing his/her socio-cultural knowledge, he/she can soundly assess situations in intercultural context and mediate effectively.

This certificate has been accredited by The German Association of Language Centres (AKS) as a UNlcert® Level IV certificate, within the UNlcert® system of four distinct levels I - IV. The level of achievement designated by the UNlcert® Level IV certificate is oriented towards Level C2 "Mastery" of the Council of Europe's *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*.

UNlcert® Level IV – Language for Specific Purposes

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNlcert® Level IV (xxx teaching units / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has acquired a comprehensive general and subject-specific command of the language at a highly advanced professional level.

His/Her communicative competence in the language enables him/her to react correctly, fluently and appropriately in all routine, academic, occupational and professional situations at a level that is almost commensurate with that of an educated native-speaker. He/She is entirely familiar with the specifics of the target language culture, so that he/she is able to communicate effortlessly, spontaneously and naturally with native speakers of that culture. He/She can understand complex original spoken and written materials, with highly demanding vocabulary and structures, on a wide range of topics of a general and a professional nature. He/She can understand extensive, original, spoken texts of high complexity, can identify the tone and degree of formality used in the foreign language

and is familiar with the specific terminology and language of his/her field of study and intended profession. He/She can hold his/her own in demanding, complex exchanges, discussions and debates unhampered by any noticeable linguistic limitations and can express his/her standpoint in detail and in a differentiated manner both in written and spoken form on a wide range of matters. He/She can give logically structured, fluent presentations, which he/she can subsequently turn into publishable form, on a wide range of topics using a rich variety of structures and vocabulary. He/She can develop his/her personal views logically, supporting them with differentiated and convincing arguments. Utilizing his/her socio-cultural knowledge, he/she can soundly assess situations in intercultural context and mediate effectively.

Optional: In his/her specialised field xxx he/she has a command of the necessary lexis and structures, in particular in the special topic(s) of yyy, and can demonstrate the necessary subject knowledge and skills appropriate to this field.

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