

The UNIcert® Concept

UNIcert® is the training, examination and certification system of foreign languages for general and specific purposes, specifically designed for higher education institutions.

UNIcert® guarantees:

► **higher education and institution-wide standards** – through the **accreditation** of each higher education institution and its programme, in line with the **UNIcert® quality standards**.

► **a training and certification system independent of language and level** – with levels from beginner through to almost native-speaker competence in languages for both general and for specific purposes.

► **Germany-wide recognition** – through a wide-spread network of **over 50 German higher education institutions as well as a selection of European higher education institutions** with UNIcert® accreditation.

► **European-wide comparability** – through the alignment of UNIcert® to the **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages**.

UNIcert® Today

Since the inception of UNIcert® in 1992, **more than 100,000 certificates** have been issued in **29 languages**.

Accredited Institutions



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AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR
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UNIcert® offers:

► a higher education and vocational orientation

The training programme is aligned to the **higher education and vocational needs** of the students at each higher education institution.

► a programme which runs alongside other studies

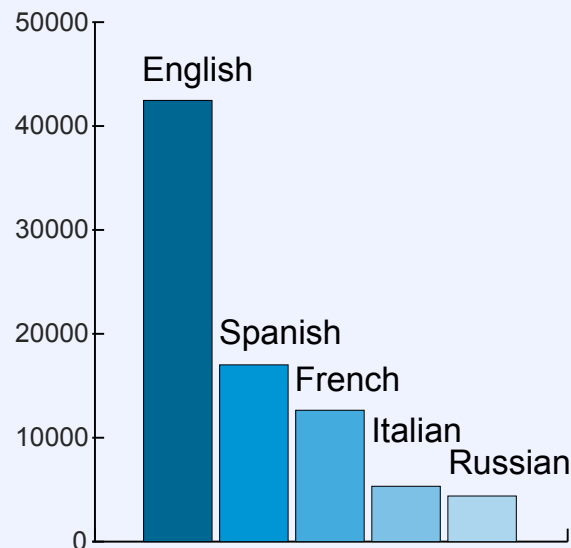
UNIcert® is an additional qualification for students of all faculties and can be completed **in addition to, or as an integral part of other studies**.

► learner-friendly courses

A maximum of **25 learners per group** fosters innovations and a pleasant learning environment.

The Most Common UNIcert® Languages

► according to the number of certificates issued



The UNIcert® Levels

The UNIcert® levels are oriented around the levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

UNIcert® Basis

The initial skills necessary for the basic and direct exchange of information.

► *Level A2 (Waystage) of the CEFR.*

UNIcert® Level I

Extension of the initial skills which enable communication in the language of everyday life.

► *Level B1 (Threshold) of the CEFR.*

UNIcert® Level II

Language and intercultural competence which enables a study-related stay abroad (lowest level of mobility).

► *Level B2 (Vantage) of the CEFR.*

UNIcert® Level III

Language and intercultural competence which completely satisfies the requirements of being able to study abroad (recommended level of mobility). Language for specific purposes orientation (e.g. business or technology) is also available.

► *Level C1 (Effective Operational Proficiency) of the CEFR.*

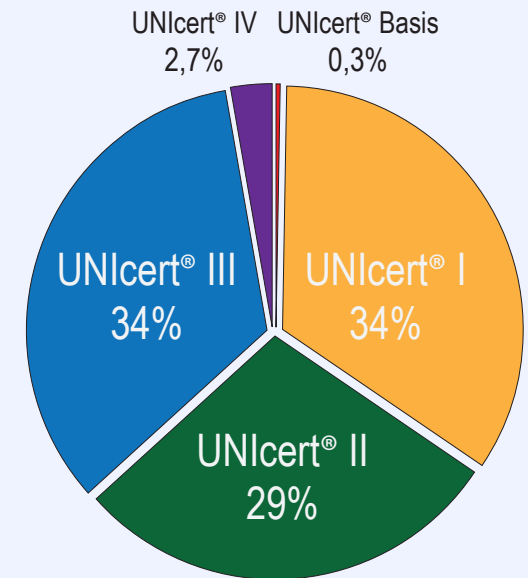
UNIcert® Level IV

Expert user of the foreign language and close familiarity with the respective culture, close to the competence of an academically qualified native speaker. Language for specific purposes orientation (e.g. business or technology) is also available.

► *Level C2 (Mastery) of the CEFR.*

The Weighting of the UNIcert® Levels

► according to certificates issued



High Quality – also assured in the future!

UNIcert® is under the aegis of the **German Association of University Language Centres - AKS** (Arbeitskreis der Sprachenzentren, Sprachlehrinstitute und Fremdspracheninstitute).

As the umbrella organisation with **over 100** higher education institutions under its wing, AKS guarantees **high standards** and the **further development** of the UNIcert® higher education foreign language training certification and accreditation system.