



HAMBURG SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

University of Applied Sciences

German proficiency

Applicants who have not obtained their certificate of qualification to study at a university at a German-speaking institution must have a sufficient command of German to enable them to study at a university (ability to study in the German language).

For enrolment at HSBA Hamburg School of Business Administration, evidence of German proficiency must be provided by passing the so-called “Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang” (**DSH Test**) - the German language test for university enrolment - with a minimum of 470 points/ DSH2, or they must pass the Test for German as a Foreign Language (“**TestDaF**”) at level TDN 4 (or 5) as the case may be.

(The pre-requisite for admission to these tests is usually proof that the senior secondary school level has been passed (the so-called “Mittelstufe II”).

The **DSH Test** is offered at many German universities. Please find out whether external candidates are permitted to write the test (in some cases admission to the test is only given on submission of a certificate of matriculation (“*Immatrikulationsbescheinigung*”).

The Test for German as a Foreign Language (**TestDaF**) can be taken worldwide.

The following are exempt from the admission requirements stipulated above:

- Holders of the German language certificate of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (“*Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz - Stufe II*”) (DSD II) [Resolutions of the Standing Conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of 16 March 1972 and of 05 October 1973, as amended from time to time];
- Holders of a certificate proving that the “*Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung*” (ZOP) (Central Advanced Language Test) of the Goethe Institute has been passed; the test may be taken in Germany at a Goethe Institute or outside the country at a Goethe Institute or an examination partner of the Goethe Institute;
- Holders of the “*Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom*” (Basic German Certificate) or the “*Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom*” (Advanced German Certificate), which are awarded by the Goethe Institute on behalf of the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich.

Useful links to the testing centres and preparatory courses:

<http://www.testdaf.de>

<http://www.tandem-hamburg.de>

<http://www.ibhev.de/testDaF>

<http://www.goethe.de>

<http://www.deutsch-sprachkurse.com>

<http://www.rackow.de/studienbewerber/dsh.html>