

INFORMATION LANGUAGES

«ADVANCED FEDERAL DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT» (ENGLISH PROGRAMME)

German

In semester 1, 3 and 5 German lessons are part of the curriculum in the English programme. Students who can prove that they have advanced knowledge of German (at least a level B2 of the European Language Reference Framework) can be exempt from German lessons and examinations in all semesters. Recognised foreign language certificates at levels B2, C1 and C2 are considered as proof. The proof must be submitted no later than 30 days before the start of the semester.

The following diplomas are accepted:

Certificate	Organisation
Goethe-Zertifikat	goethe.de
TELC	telc.net
IB German A, HL 4 / SL 4	ibo.org
IB German B, HL 5 / SL 7	ibo.org

Students whose mother tongue is German and who have completed schooling in German are automatically exempt. School reports may be requested for verification.

Second foreign language

For entry to semester 6.1 Hospitality Management, proof of a second foreign language (in addition to German and English) at level A2 or higher of the European Language Reference Framework must be provided by means of a recognised language diploma up to 3 months before the start of the semester. We recognise the following certificates:

Language	Certificate	Organisation
French	DELFD	delfdalf.ch
	CEFP	alliancefr.org
	CFS (CCIP)	cci-paris-idf.fr
	TELC	telc.net
	IB French A, HL 3 / SL 3	ibo.org
	IB French B, HL 2	ibo.org
Italian	CELI	cvcl.it
	DELI	acad.it
	CILS	unistrasi.it
	TELC	telc.net

Spanish	DELE	dele.org
	TELC	telc.net
	IB Spanish A, HL 3 / SL 3	ibo.org
	IB Spanish B, HL 2	ibo.org

For any other language not listed above, please consult with sonja.kern@shl.ch or kathrin.jordi@shl.ch as early as possible to determine which language tests are acceptable for that particular language you wish to demonstrate minimum A2 proficiency.

Students whose mother tongue is a language other than German or English and who have completed schooling in that language may apply for an exemption from the requirement to provide proof of language proficiency at level A2. A written request, accompanied by the appropriate supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Directorate. In cases of doubt, SHL may require the completion of an internal language assessment.

Online language test

You have the opportunity to take a language test in German (for exemption), French, Italian or Spanish at SHL. The language test is based on the performance levels of the European Language Reference Framework. Knowledge of grammar, listening and reading comprehension as well as written and oral expression are tested. If the result is at level A2 or higher, this is considered proof of a second foreign language. For the exemption from the subject German level B2 or higher is necessary.

Exam dates and registration

You may request an individual appointment. Please contact kathrin.jordi@shl.ch and suggest two to three dates and times that would be convenient for you.

The online test assessing grammar, listening, and reading comprehension takes approximately 60 minutes. The oral examination (also conducted online) with an external expert lasts around 30 minutes. The appointment for the oral test may only be scheduled after completion of the online grammar test. Depending on the availability of the experts, the oral examination may take place on the same day or at a later date.

The test is conducted entirely online and can be taken from any location. Participation requires a quiet and distraction-free environment, a stable internet connection, and a laptop equipped with a microphone and camera.

If the required level is not attained, the language test may be retaken. Following a second unsuccessful attempt, a waiting period of at least three months must be observed before a further examination attempt may be undertaken.

The costs for a maximum of two language tests per student are included in the tuition fee for the English programme.