

Registering for a Course at the Language Center

- General Information -

Information for...

Students with prior knowledge: Students with prior knowledge of the relevant language, even if this knowledge is at a very basic level, must take part in a [General Professional Skills \(ABV\) placement test](#) before registering for a course at the Language Center, unless they have already completed a language course at the Language Center and are now registering for the next course in a series, or have already completed a Language Center ABV placement test in the past year. General Professional Skills placement tests always take place at the beginning of the semester.¹

Students who need to register using an online form from the Language Center: If you are registering for a course with several course options for the same level and language, you should provide an alternative date/time when you would be able to take part if your first choice of course is not available. This improves your chances of being assigned a place.

Students enrolled in degree programs with practical language components (e.g., English Language and Literature, North American Studies, Spanish/Italian/French Language and Literature including module options, Portuguese-Brazilian Studies): Please check the applicable study and examination regulations and the template degree program table for your degree program.²

Spanish General Professional Skills (ABV) students: Some Spanish courses take place [jointly with the Instituto Cervantes](#) (Berlin-Mitte). The courses are taught at the institute, but you should still register with the Language Center.

How course places are assigned at the Language Center in order of priority

- **Priority 1:** compulsory courses (core subjects with practical language components, modules with 60 and 30 credit points and practical language components, specified master's degree programs, compulsory courses for Erasmus students and students on similar programs)
- **Priority 2:** Students enrolled in bachelor's degree programs who require the course to be credited as a General Professional Skills (ABV) foreign language course; required elective courses for Erasmus students or students on similar programs (students who have previously completed a course)
- **Priority 3:** Students enrolled in bachelor's degree programs who require the course to be credited as an ABV foreign language course; required elective courses for Erasmus students or students on similar programs (new students)
- **Priority 4:** Students enrolled in bachelor's degree programs with an ABV component, but who are not eligible for or do not need further ABV credit points in relation to language courses;³ Erasmus students without a Learning Agreement, related areas ("*affine Bereiche*")⁴
- **Priority 5:** all other Freie Universität students
- **Priority 6:** students of other universities.

For the Spanish courses held at the Instituto Cervantes, only priorities 2 and 3 apply (in order).

If more applications are received from a specific priority group than can be accommodated in the course, then places will be assigned according to how urgent the course is in terms of fulfilling the requirements of the applicant's degree program.

¹ This does not apply to students who wish to enroll in bachelor's degree programs with specific language requirements. [Special language and/or placement tests](#) apply for these students.

² **Study and degree program regulations and degree program tables** can be found at [Studienangebot](#) > [Studiengänge](#) > [Fach](#) (e.g., [Englische Philologie](#)) > [Ordnungen](#). The template degree program table can be found as an annex to the relevant study regulations. For **Spanish, Italian, and French**: If you have taken part in a [language or placement test for prospective students](#) you will find out afterwards which course level/module you should register for.

³ A maximum 15 credit points can be earned per skills area for General Professional Skills (ABV) students.

⁴ Credit transfers for modules are determined by the degree program regulations for each subject. Check with your department to see if transfers are possible. Please be aware that the Language Center does not provide recommendations for credit transfers or certificates for ABV modules with detailed grade reports for related areas.