ENGLISH COURSES AT THE BONN-RHEIN-SIEG UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Required courses in English

English is a required course in most of the university’s departments. In many degree programmes students are obliged to take an English course in the first semester. These courses do not focus on general English but rather on the technical language of the respective degree programmes. A good command of the English language (i.e. at least the B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (see https://www.h-brs.de/files/spz/cefr.pdf) is therefore a prerequisite. For some degree programmes, we even require language skills on the B2 level.

How can I assess my level?

At the beginning of their studies, all students are tested by the Language Centre. This placement test allows us to put students into groups according to their level of English. If you would like to find out your level prior to taking the placement test, you can use the Common European Framework (see above) to assess your language skills or use one of the many tests available on the Internet (see https://www.h-brs.de/de/spz/faqs-kursangebot for further information). Please note that your self-assessment or an online test does not exempt you from taking the compulsory placement test, which is carried out centrally by the Language Centre at the beginning of the semester.

What can I do if my English is not good enough?

If your language skills are below the B1 level of the Common European Framework, you will either be required to take another obligatory English course or you can take one of the General English courses offered by the Language Centre:

1) Intensive courses during the break: The Language Centre is planning to offer a range of 10-day refresher courses from 2 to 11 September 2019. You can find
further information about the courses and about registration on our website (see http://www.h-brs.de/de/spz/intensivkurse-englisch).

2) **Elective courses during the semester:** We also offer a range of English courses during the semester; these courses offered on both the Sankt Augustin and Rheinbach campus are free for students enrolled at our university. In order to register for these or any other courses we offer, please have a look at the page “Elective courses” on our website (see http://www.h-brs.de/en/spz/elective-courses) and register via SIS.

If you have any questions about these courses, please contact Ms Yates-Wolff from the Language Centre (jill.yates-wolff@h-brs.de).

**What should I do, if I have already passed a language course at another university?**

If you have successfully taken a language course at another university or institute of higher education, it may be possible to have the course accredited by the university. Please refer to the page https://www.h-brs.de/en/changing-universities for further information.

The Language Centre hopes that you will find the time to benefit from the wide range of courses we offer. Apart from language courses we also offer language proficiency tests, writing courses and coaching, tandem language learning, support in preparing for a semester abroad and much more. If you would like to have further information you can either visit our website on http://www.h-brs.de/en/spz or send us an email (spz.info@h-brs.de).

The Language Centre wishes all students a good start into the semester!