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UNICert® - Stufenbeschreibung Englisch

UNICert®-Stufen I – IV; und Basis

UNICert® Basis:

This certificate attests to the successful completion of a university foreign language training programme at the level UNICert® BASIS (preliminary to UNICert® Level I) comprising approx. xxx teaching units (approx. xxx hours' workload). The holder of this certificate has – depending on the grade awarded – acquired the initial basic skills necessary for direct exchange of information in routine situations.

He/She understands spoken and written sentences and frequently-used expressions relating to general or study-related subjects. He/She is able to give information on selected topics of direct relevance to himself/herself (e.g. background, education and training, family, personal situation) using basic language structures. He/She has also acquired basic intercultural skills appropriate to this level.

This certificate is accredited as UNICert® BASIS (preliminary to UNICert® Level I of the four-level (I – IV) UNICert® programme of language training certification) by the German Association of University Language Centres, Language Training Institutes and Foreign Language Institutes (Arbeitskreis der Sprachenzentren, Sprachlehrinstitute und Fremdspracheninstitute – AKS). The level of achievement designated by the UNICert® BASIS certificate is orientated towards level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Level I:

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNICert® Level I (xxx course hours / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has a solid basic command of the target language which enables him/her to cope with a selection of routine general, professional and academic situations.

When reading and listening he can understand the key information in presentations on common general and study-related topics. In written and spoken language, he can express and exchange information and ideas on topics of general interest, on personal matters and on those related to his field of study using basic means of expression and grammatical structures and a basic range of vocabulary. He is familiar with a selection of intercultural aspects related to the target language and its culture.

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Level II:

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNICert® Level II (xxx course hours / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has acquired the necessary basic command of the language to enable him to work or study in a country of the target language (basic student mobility level).

He understands the main content of general, professional and academic texts with general vocabulary or vocabulary from his field of study such as encountered in speeches and lectures as well as in longish texts of medium difficulty. He can express himself appropriately both in writing and speaking on a variety of cultural and subject-specific topics and participate actively in such discussions making some use of complex sentence structures and subject-specific vocabulary.

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Level III - Language for Academic Purposes:

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNICert® Level III (xxx course hours / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has acquired a degree of language proficiency which enables him to work or study effortlessly, i.e. without any need for further explicit language instruction, in a country of the target language (recommended student mobility level).

He is proficient in the language skills of a general academic and professional nature such as are necessary to be able to communicate without effort with others, demonstrating flexibility and variety in his modes of expression. He can cope with the vocabulary and structures of demanding, extensive, original, written and spoken materials on general topics as well as on those related to his intended profession, such as complex lectures, where he can comprehend both explicit and implicit information and follow the content in detail. He can express himself fluently and effectively both in speech and writing on a range of complex topics relevant to his field of study within the context of his work and study abroad, making use of sophisticated structures and an extensive range of general and specialised vocabulary. He can express his own views coherently, cohesively, logically and in a stylistically appropriate manner.

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Level III - Language for Specific Purposes:

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNICert® Level III (xxx course hours / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has acquired a degree of language proficiency which enables him to work or study effortlessly, i.e. without any need for further explicit language instruction, in a country of the target language (recommended student mobility level).

He is proficient in the language skills of a general, academic and professional nature such as are necessary to be able to communicate without effort with others, demonstrating flexibility and variety in his modes of expression. He can cope with the vocabulary and structures of demanding, extensive, original, written and spoken materials on general topics as well as on those related to his intended profession, such as complex lectures where he can comprehend both explicit and implicit information and follow the content in detail. He can express himself fluently and effectively both in speech and writing on a range of complex topics relevant to his field of study within the context of his work and study abroad, making use of sophisticated structures and an extensive range of general and specialised vocabulary. He can express his own views coherently, cohesively, logically and in a stylistically appropriate manner.

Optional: In his specialised field xxx he has a command of the necessary lexis and structures, in particular in the special topic(s) of yyy, and can demonstrate the necessary subject knowledge and skills appropriate to this field.

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Level IV - Language for Academic Purposes:

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNICert® Level IV (xxx course hours / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has acquired a comprehensive general and subject-specific command of the language at a highly advanced professional level. His communicative competence in the language enables him to react correctly, fluently and appropriately in all routine, academic, occupational and professional situations at a level that is almost commensurate with that of an educated native-speaker. He is entirely familiar with the specifics of the target language culture, so that he is able to communicate effortlessly, spontaneously and naturally with native speakers of that culture.

He can understand complex original spoken and written materials, with highly demanding vocabulary and structures, on a wide range of topics of a general and a professional nature. He can understand extensive original spoken texts of high complexity, can identify the tone and degree of formality used in the foreign language and is familiar with the specific terminology and language of his field of study and intended profession. He can hold his own in demanding, complex exchanges, discussions and debates unhampered by any noticeable linguistic limitations and can express his standpoint in detail and in a differentiated manner both in written and spoken form on a wide range of matters. He can give logically structured, fluent presentations, which he can subsequently turn into publishable form, on a wide range of topics using a rich variety of structures and vocabulary. He can develop his personal views logically, supporting them with differentiated and convincing arguments.

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Level IV - Language for Specific Purposes:

This certificate is based on the successful completion of a university-specific language programme at UNICert® Level IV (xxx course hours / total workload xxx hours). In relation to the grades achieved, the holder of the certificate has acquired a comprehensive general and subject-specific command of the language at a highly advanced professional level. His communicative competence in the language enables him to react correctly, fluently and appropriately in all routine, academic, occupational and professional situations at a level that is almost commensurate with that of an educated native-speaker. He is entirely familiar with the specifics of the target language culture, so that he is able to communicate effortlessly, spontaneously and naturally with native speakers of that culture.

He can understand complex original spoken and written materials, with highly demanding vocabulary and structures, on a wide range of topics of a general and a professional nature. He can understand extensive, original, spoken texts of high complexity, can identify the tone and degree of formality used in the foreign language and is familiar with the specific terminology and language of his field of study and intended profession. He can hold his own in demanding, complex exchanges, discussions and debates unhampered by any noticeable linguistic limitations and can express his standpoint in detail and in a differentiated manner both in written and spoken form on a wide range of matters. He can give logically structured, fluent presentations, which he can subsequently turn into publishable form, on a wide range of topics using a rich variety of structures and vocabulary. He can develop his personal views logically, supporting them with differentiated and convincing arguments.

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