



## Health Data Sciences PhD Program English Language Requirement

The official language of instruction of the Health Data Sciences PhD program is English. Therefore, we require applicants to provide documentation of their advanced proficiency in English (at least B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)), which is needed to successfully complete the coursework and research activities.

To fulfill the English language requirement, the applicant must demonstrate they are a native speaker or submit documentation of **one** of the following items:

- **Native speaker of English**
- **Completion of a degree program (e.g. Bachelor, Master) in English**
- **Completion of a degree program with transcripts demonstrating at least 20 ECTS (or equivalent) of English language coursework/examinations at an internationally recognized university.**
- **High school diploma (with English as the language of instruction) or equivalent.**
- **IELTS - International English Language Testing System:**  
Minimum required score: 5,5
- **TOEFL – Test of English as a Foreign Language:**  
Minimum required score: 72
- **DAAD Language Certificate or Proof (Sprachzeugnis/Sprachnachweis):**  
Minimum required level:
  - At least \*\*\*\* (4 stars) in all skills
  - At least C in all skills (according to the old rating scale)
- **Cambridge English Qualification:**
  - Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE)
  - Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)
  - Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)
  - Cambridge English: Business Vantage (BEC V)
  - Cambridge English: Business Higher (BEC H)

- **UNICert®**
  - UNICert®II Certificate:  
Minimum required score: 3.0
  - UNICert® III- or IV Certificates
  
- **BULATS – Business Language Testing Service:**  
Minimum required score: 60
  
- **LCCI (London Chamber of Commerce and Industry) English for Business (EFB):**  
Minimum required level: Level 3
  
- **TOEIC – Test of English for International Communication:**  
Minimum required score:
  - Speaking and Writing: 310
  - Listening and Reading: 785
  
- **Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE):**  
Minimum required score: 51
  
- **ICFE – International Certificate in Financial English**
  
- **ILEC – International Legal English Certificate**
  
- **Graded certificates of proficiency for language courses from a state or federal recognized university:** Minimum of 4 hours per week to the minimum level of language proficiency indicated in the relevant evidence of formal B2 qualifications according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and with a respective minimum grade of 2.3.

Please email [hds-phd\(at\)charite.de](mailto:hds-phd(at)charite.de) should you have any further questions about the required English language proficiency level.