Crediting (German) Language Courses
for „General Key Qualifications“ (MW26.4)
or „Interdisciplinary Foundations“

Note that „General Key Qualifications“ is a basic compulsory module, while „Interdisciplinary Foundations“ is a basic elective module.

Frequently Asked Questions

• Which language courses could be credited?

In general the course must have at least A2 level if you learn a completely new language. Otherwise the level must exceed the level which you have already. Which course level you will take is decided by an entrance test. For „Interdisciplinary Foundations“ you can choose any language, although we recommend German. For “General Key Qualifications” you shall choose German if you have not yet B1 level in German.

• Can I take (German) language courses for both, „General Key Qualifications“ and „Interdisciplinary Foundations“ (= 12 ECTS total)?

Yes.

• What should I do with the language certificate?

Submit a physical photocopy of the language certificate (you keep the original!) to the program coordinator (Markus Pasche) with the note “To be credited for General Key Qualifications” or “To be credited for Interdisciplinary Foundations”. Alternatively, you can send a scan in PDF format (not a cellphone photo!) via email.

• The Language Centre gives 5 ECTS, however, I need 6 ECTS for this module. What to do?

We will generously acknowledge a 5-ECTS certificate with 6 ECTS.

• I will take a German language course to be credited for the compulsory „General Key Qualifications“. How can I be exempted from the fees?

For all M.Sc. Economics students who do not have B1 level in German it is strongly recommended (and supported by the FSU) to take a German course to be credited for „General Key Qualifications“. They could get one voucher from the examination office which can be used for „paying“ their German language course fees (A2 or B1).

Note: Exchange students (e.g. ERASMUS) cannot be exempted from fees because the language course is not a compulsory part of their curriculum. Also for students with a B2 level (or higher) the language course is not compulsory and they can therefore not be exempted from fees. Double-degree students from Varese or Trento are treated as regular Jena students.

• I have passed already / I am currently attending a German language course. I have paid the fees already. Could they be refunded?
No. Take this course for „Interdisciplinary Foundations“, and use the voucher for the next language course to be credited for „General Key Qualifications“.

- *I passed already a language course. Originally it should be credited as „Interdisciplinary Foundations“. But now it should be acknowledged as „General Key Qualifications“. Is that possible?*

We can arrange that. But note that (i) you cannot be exempted *ex post* from the fees, and (ii) then you need an equivalent for „Interdisciplinary Foundations“ (such like a further language course or a course from another faculty – as described on the master program's website).

- *I lost my voucher. Can I get a new one?*

No.