

**Crediting (German) Language Courses  
for „General Key Qualifications“ (MW26.4)  
or „Interdisciplinary Foundations“  
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Note that „General Key Qualifications“ is a basic *compulsory* module, while „Interdisciplinary Foundations“ is a basic *elective* module.

**How can I register for a language course? I don't see them in Friedolin.**

You have to apply for a language course directly at the Language Center of the FSU. The courses offered there are not included into the Friedolin system.

**Which language courses could be credited?**

For crediting, the course must have at least A2 level. 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?**

Send a copy of certificate to the examination office with the note “To be credited for General Key Qualifications” or “To be credited for Interdisciplinary Foundations”. You keep the original certificate but you may have to show the *original* certificate on request when handing in the copy.

**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 take two language courses with 3 ECTS each. What to do?**

You hand in the two certificates to be credited either for “General Key Qualifications” or “Interdisciplinary Foundations” (because  $2 \times 3 = 6$  ECTS). The grade is then the average of the grades of these two certificates.

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 students *who do not have B1 level in German* it is strongly recommended 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). This applies only for the course to be credited for „General Key Qualifications“ because students should not pay for *compulsory* courses.

**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) proficiency, 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.

I passed already a language course. Originally it should be credited as „Interdisciplinary Foundations“. But now it should be acknowledged as „General Key Qualifications“ (or the other way round). Is that possible?

Yes, the examination office can arrange that.

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

No.