

TestDaF (Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache) is a standardized German language proficiency test designed for non-native German speakers. Here's a comprehensive overview:

What is TestDaF?

TestDaF is an internationally recognized German language examination specifically designed for foreign students who plan to study at German universities or are already enrolled in German higher education institutions. It assesses the ability to use German in academic contexts.

Test Structure

The TestDaF consists of four sections:

- **Reading Comprehension** (Leseverstehen): 3 parts, 90 minutes
- **Listening Comprehension** (Hörverstehen): 3 parts, 40 minutes
- **Written Expression** (Schriftlicher Ausdruck): 1 essay, 60 minutes
- **Oral Expression** (Mündlicher Ausdruck): 7 tasks, approximately 35 minutes

Scoring System

TestDaF uses the TDN (TestDaF-Niveaustufen) scoring system:

- **TDN 3:** Equivalent to CEFR level B2.1
- **TDN 4:** Equivalent to CEFR levels B2.2-C1.1
- **TDN 5:** Equivalent to CEFR level C1.2 and above

University Admission Requirements

Most German universities require:

- TDN 4 in all four skills
- Some programs may accept TDN 3 in individual skills

Key Features

- All tasks are based on university study scenarios
- Multiple test dates throughout the year
- Results are valid indefinitely
- Available at test centers in over 80 countries worldwide
- Computer-based and paper-based options available