The DSH examination

Mid-March or mid-September
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The DSH can be passed with the following grades

- **DSH 1**: min. 57% in both examination parts
- **DSH 2**: min. 67% in both examination parts
- **DSH 3**: min. 82% in both examination parts

Passing the examination with DSH 2 allows you to apply for all degree programs (except Master of Education: DSH 3).

If you pass the examination with DSH 1, you will be allowed to choose from a limited range of degree programs. Please find further information on our website.

Welcome at the University of Bonn!

Our team is always happy to help:

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The DSH preparatory course is divided into a basic level and an advanced level course. The basic level course taught in the first semester prepares students for the advanced level course taught in the second semester, which is then followed by the DSH. At the beginning of each semester, students are assigned to a suitable course according to their language level via a placement test, which is held on site.

Students who wish to register for the preparatory course require proven level B1 or higher German language proficiency.

The following will be recognized:
- B1 German Certificate (Goethe or telc) with a total score of at least 75%
- or
- the TestDaF Certificate with TDN 3 in at least 1 test component

Important note: Submitted certificates may not be older than two years.

Course units per semester
360 course units* (5 x 4 course units per week, 18 weeks: April through August/ September; October through February/ March)

*one course unit equals 45 minutes

Course fee per semester
€ 1,480 incl. € 110 in examination fees for the first attempt at the DSH

Application deadlines
Applications for admission to a DSH preparatory course must be filed with the Student Registry (postal address: Studiendenssekretariat der Universität Bonn (Abt. 1.3), 53012 Bonn) by January 15 (summer semester) or July 15 (winter semester) respectively.