

Language Proficiency Exams C1/ Fachprüfungen Sprachbeherrschung 2023/24

1. Dates

January 2024:

written exam 11.01. 2024: 09.00 – 12.00 PHOÖ: Hörsaal 1
oral exam 12.01. 2024: 09.00 – 17.00 PHOÖ: SR 308 (preparation), Ro. 343, Ro. 344, Ro. 345

April 2024:

written: 18.04. 2024: 09.00 – 12.00 PHOÖ: Hörsaal 1
oral exam 19.04. 2024: 09.00 – 17.00 PHOÖ: SR 308 (preparation), Ro. 343, Ro. 344, Ro. 345

The next exam date will be offered in September 2024 (written: Sept 12th, 9-12.00; oral: Sept 13th, 9-16.00)

2. Registration for January and April

Registration will be via PH-ONLINE (PHOÖ): Students must register for the exam **SeBENFPx01 Sprachbeherrschung**. Registration is open until 03.01. for the January exam and 11.04. for the April exam.

Information concerning the exam date in September will be provided by the end of June 2024.

Students must have received credits for the required courses Modules E B 5: Approaching C1 and E B 6: Consolidating C1, this includes credits for the course E B 6.2 PS Written Production II (4th semester), until 7 days prior to the exam at the latest. Until then registration can only be made provisionally.

3. Passed partial exam

Marks of previously passed partial exams will be kept for a maximum of 13 months. If students resit the exam within this period, they only need to retake the previously failed part of the C1 examination. There is no legal entitlement to the above and partial exam grades from Salzburg cannot be transferred to Linz or vice versa.

4. Examination format and assessment

The 'Fachprüfung Sprachbeherrschung' consists of:

a. Oral exam (50% of the final grade)

- i. Preparation (15 min): two prompts to choose from, students may use a monolingual dictionary
- ii. Oral exam (5 min): a short talk on one topic in front of two examiners; students may use flashcards
- iii. Assessment and feedback (5 min), based on level C1 of the CEFR

The exact exam schedule will be made available two days before the exam at the latest.

b. Written exam (50% of the final grade):

- i. Text production (25%): Potential text types are argumentative essay, descriptive text, letter or email of complaint, as well as a blog response. Students may use one monolingual dictionary for the writing task. 400 words (+/-10%).
- ii. Language in use (25%): verb forms and collocations, vocabulary in use, grammar in use, text correction

In order to pass the written exam, both language in use and text production must be positive.

5. Grades and feedback

Your final grades will show in PH-Online within a month after sitting the exam. Office hours in which you can look at your exam paper and receive feedback on the written part of the exam will be offered after grading has been completed.

6. Recommended literature

Advanced Grammar

Hall, D., & Foley, M. (2012). *MyGrammarLab Advanced C1/C2*. Pearson Longman.

McCarthy, M., & O'Dell, F. (2012). *English Vocabulary in Use. Upper-intermediate* (3rd ed.). Cambridge University Press.

Swan, M., & Walter, C. (2011). *Oxford English Grammar Course. Advanced*. Oxford University Press.

Listening & Speaking

Mann, M., & Taylore-Knowles, S. (2008). *Destination C1 & C2. Grammar & Vocabulary*. Macmillan Publishers Limited.

Written Production II

Hewings, M. (2017). *Advanced Grammar in Use* (3rd ed.). Cambridge University Press.

McCarthy, M., & O'Dell, F. (2016). *Academic Vocabulary in Use* (2nd ed.). Cambridge University Press.

McCarthy, M., & O'Dell, F. (2017). *English Vocabulary in Use. Advanced* (3rd ed.). Cambridge University Press.

Oshima, A., & Hogue, A. (2017). *Longman Academic Writing Series 4: Essays* (5th ed.). Pearson.