

HOW LONG DOES THE TEST TAKE?

The TOEFL test takes about 4 hours and is finished on one day. The results are available quickly, normally after just ten days.

Paper certificates are also available. If you require one, please note this when you register.

INTERPRETING TOEFL TEST SCORES

Each of the 4 sections contains a maximum of 30 points, for a total 120 possible points.

Different organizations and courses of study have different score requirements, so make sure that you know what score you need to achieve.

Below are the TOEFL iBT scores mapped to their corresponding CEFR levels:

C1 and above	95 - 120 points
B2	72 - 94 points
B1	42 - 71 points
A1 / A2	41 points or less

TOEFL PREPARATION CLASSES

It's important to prepare well to take the TOEFL test in order to achieve the best possible result.

Which is why the Language Center also offers free TOEFL preparation classes, both as intensive and semester courses.

MORE INFORMATION

For **more information** and our current testing dates, check our website:

www.uni-hamburg.de/sz

REGISTRATION

Because only University of Hamburg students and staff may take the test at our testing center, please contact the TOEFL Coordinator Benjamin Feddersen in order to get the special registration code and instructions.

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TAKE THE

TOEFL TEST

AT THE LANGUAGE CENTER

OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG



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WHAT IS TOEFL?

The TOEFL iBT (internet-based test) is a standardized, internationally recognized proficiency test of English as a foreign language. It serves as official proof of your English language skills for the purposes of applying for study programs in English-speaking countries. It is also sometimes required for job or visa applications.

WHAT IS TESTED?

The TOEFL test consists of four parts: reading, listening, writing, and speaking:



Section 1: Reading

(60-80 Minutes, 36-56 Questions)

Reading from passages of text and answering questions about the content



Section 2: Listening

(60-90 Minutes, 34-51 Questions)

Listening to excerpts from lectures or class discussions and answering questions about the content

10 minute break



Section 3: Speaking

(20 Minutes, 6 Tasks)

Speaking into a microphone about familiar topics and discussion of provided audio or written material



Section 4: Writing

(50 Minutes, 2 Tasks)

Writing about familiar topics and a response to provided written and audio material

DETAILED INFORMATION FOR TEST TAKERS



ELS has very strict rules that need to be followed before, during, and after the test. Please be aware that any disruption of the test or violation of these rules has to be reported to ELS and might lead to the invalidation of your test results or your exclusion from the test.

BE ON TIME

Make sure to show up on time. It is recommended to be there 30 minutes earlier if possible. Do not exceed the time allotted for breaks.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Nothing beside your ID card may be taken into the testing room. We will provide a possibility to store your personal items during the test.

Please be aware that food, beverages, and medications (unless required, such as inhalers) may not be taken into the testing room either and can only be accessed during breaks.

CHECK-IN AND ENTERING THE TESTING ROOM

At check-in, we need to make sure that you do not bring anything into the testing room. For this purpose, you will be scanned with a metal detector and you will be asked to turn your pockets inside out.

Each time you enter the testing room, you will have to present a valid ID, so make sure you have your ID with you at all times during the test. Your pockets will also have to be re-checked each time.

Before the test can start, we need to take a picture of you and you will have to sign a confidentiality statement.

TAKING NOTES

We will provide you with a pencil and 3 sheets of scratch paper to take notes. Should you need more paper, please first hand back the 3 sheets you have. You will be given 3 new ones.

These sheets of paper have to be handed back in one piece after the test. Do not tear the paper apart and don't attempt to take it out of the testing room.

No other paper or writing utensils are permitted.

Don't try to take any test content from the room in any form.

BREAKS

There is one scheduled break of 10 minutes.

Up to two additional unscheduled breaks are possible when needed. Please let us know if you have to go out so we can stop the clock on your test, otherwise you will lose time that is planned in for the exercises.

During breaks, you might access food, beverages, and medication as well as pieces of clothing (e.g. if you are cold and need a sweater).

You may **not** access anything else, especially so-called "prohibited items" that could give you an advantage over other test takers. These include any electronic devices, including your smart or cell phones, notes or study materials, and similar items.

Do not leave the building during a break and do not discuss test questions or content with anyone.

BE AS QUIET AS POSSIBLE

Try to be as quiet as possible so as not to disturb other test takers.

