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Language Center

About the Language Center

Mission Statement

The Language Center is a unit of the University of Bern. Its mission is to support the development of language skills in German as a foreign language and academic English for members of the University of Bern. Its services are primarily aimed at students and doctoral candidates.

Core Functions

- development and delivery of courses in German as a foreign language at beginner level during the semester to support the integration of mobility and international students and non-German-speaking doctoral candidates at the University of Bern
- development and delivery of courses in German as a foreign language and academic English during the semester for B1 level and above to foster academic language skills
- development and delivery of integration courses for mobility students prior to the semester
- placement of course participants with online placement tests
- assessment of language proficiency in German as a foreign language for applicants without a Swiss Matura or other accepted language certificate
- assessment of language proficiency for applicants aged 30 and above during the admissions process
- development and delivery of tailor-made language courses for units of the university that request such a course from the Language Center and finance the course