

Language & Use Intermediate/I

The exam regulations stipulate that you may be eligible for an alternative form of assessment if you have failed the Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate exam twice. Please see below for detailed information on how to demonstrate that you have reached the required level of English (a strong C1 on the CEFR).

The requirements, in a nutshell, are as follows. We will accept a pass grade of at least **190 points overall and no less than 190 points in any of the five skills/sections (Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Use of English)** in the **Cambridge C1 Advanced Exam in lieu of a third attempt at Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate**. C1 Advanced is an advanced English-language examination administered by Cambridge English Language Assessment, and it has been developed to show achievement of a high level of English. Please see [here](#) for further information on the C1 Advanced Exam. Seeing as this is an external exam, you will be responsible yourself for making all the arrangements necessary to take it. There are approximately six exam dates each year, a fee is payable, and it can be taken at various locations throughout Germany and abroad. The nearest exam centre is in Saarbrücken. Please see [here](#) for further information on the location of exam centres.

The advantage of the C1 Advanced Exam is that you could, in theory, take it as many times as you like until you pass it without "wasting" your third Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate attempt. But please note that you will have to show proof of a required grade in the C1 Advanced Exam **before** taking Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate for the third time. If you take Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate three times and fail, we cannot retrospectively accept a pass grade in the C1 Advanced Exam.

There are a number of further conditions that you need to be aware of:

- This offer is only valid as an alternative to your **third Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate** attempt. In other words, you will have to take Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate **twice** before showing proof of a pass grade in the C1 Advanced Exam. That said, you can of course take the C1 Advanced Exam before your second Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate attempt and use it as an insurance policy in case you fail the second attempt. But:

- The C1 Advanced certificate must never be older than two years.
- The C1 Advanced Exam is **only valid as a supplement to a shorter version of Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate**. In other words, you will still have to register for Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate and turn up on the date of the exam, but you will be given a much reduced version of the exam, which for the most part will consist of items that are not explicitly tested in the C1 Advanced Exam.
- The two-year validity requirement also works the other way round. In other words, you cannot pass our small part in 2024 and wait until 2028 to show us proof of a recently passed C1 Advanced Exam. **The C1 Advanced certificate is a prerequisite for taking the reduced version of Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate.**

Please note that if you wish to take advantage of this option, we would encourage you to make an appointment with Dan Honert or Henry Rademacher to discuss whether this would be a suitable route for you. Before attempting the Language & Use I/LA/BA/Intermediate exam for the third and final time, it is also strongly recommended that you make an appointment either with Dr. Julia Dausend at the *Zentrales Prüfungssekretariat für Lehramtsstudiengänge* for a more general discussion about your individual circumstances (for LA students) or with Anne Müller-Leist at the *Studienkoordination* for Bachelor/Master.