

Language Proficiency Exam C1/ Fachprüfung Sprachbeherrschung 2026

1. Dates

February 2026:

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| written exam | 2 Feb 2026 | 09.00 – 12.00 JKU: HS 16 (Managementzentrum, ground floor) |
| oral exam | 3 Feb 2026 | 09.00 – 17.00 JKU: MZ 112B (Managementzentrum, first floor) |

2. Registration for February

Registration will be via KUSSS at the JKU only. Students must register for "Sprachbeherrschung" through "Prüfungen - Fachprüfungen". Please make sure your registration has been successfully completed by the end of the registration period. It is not possible to register afterwards!

Warning! If you do not deregister three days prior to the exam and you do not show up on exam day, you will be blocked from registering for the following exam date. For more information go to www.liles.at/infos-zum-studium/curriculum ("Fachspezifische Informationen" - Englisch) or www.jku.at/zsp

- **Registration period for February 2026: 15 Dec 2025 – 11 Jan 2026**

Please register in time and be advised that registration is only possible during the registration period. For questions regarding the registration process, please contact lehramt.englisch@jku.at or office@liles.at.

Should there be any technical problems with KUSSS please contact kusss@jku.at.

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.

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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 three 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 KUSSS 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.