

# Test of Reading for Political Science

The test of reading for Political Science takes 60 minutes.

There are three authentic texts taken from books, journals or magazines. Each text is approximately 1 x A4 side followed by questions. The text or questions may include diagrams. The topics are *loosely related* to politics and/or social science topics. It is a test of your reading skill, not your knowledge of politics. All answers can be found in the text, either directly, or by inference.

In total there are 40 questions. The different question types could be any of the following:

Multiple choice; True/False/Not Given; matching answers; matching headings to paragraphs; completing sentences; completing notes; completing a summary; completing a table or chart; labelling a diagram; giving short answers to questions.

Where an answer cannot be given by circling, ticking or matching, you may need to write a short response: between 3-5 words, often taken directly from the text. Responses must be in English.

You may **not** use dictionaries – either bilingual or monolingual.

Tests are graded anonymously and scores are listed by matriculation number.

**Please bring your THOSKA card with you to the test.**

A score of 22 or above will permit you to collect a Leistungsnachweis and to register for your higher level study modules.

For more details about the style of the test and for some **practice tests**, please look here:

<https://www.ielts.org/about-the-test/sample-test-questions> (scroll along to the part headed 'Academic Reading')

You are aiming to achieve B2 level in reading skills. For more information about the levels follow this link: <http://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/>

If you want to do a quick and easy self-assessment go to this link and follow the instructions to take a short online reading test: <https://dialangweb.lancaster.ac.uk/>

If you do not feel ready for the test, you can take a preparation course in the winter semester. Search in the Friedolin Course list for Veranstaltungsnr. 126202

If you have difficulty understanding this description, think about taking a general English course before you take the test. You can find our courses in Friedolin listed under Sprachenzentrum on the page 'Vorlesungsverzeichnis' or on our home page: <https://www.uni-jena.de/SPZ>