

Why Become a Goethe-Institut Examination Center?

Goethe-Institut examination centers are for the most part language schools or college/university language departments offering German language courses. Is your institution interested in becoming an accredited Goethe-Institut examination center?

SOME OF THE BENEFITS:

- // German language courses and certified examinations are the perfect match: Examinations clearly define the proficiency level your students want to achieve and give direction to curricula while providing additional incentive for language learning.
- // Knowing the next steps and how to prepare (e.g. customized exam preparation courses) helps students navigate the learning process and boosts student satisfaction.
- // Examiners tend to be the better teachers: they know from experience which subjects give students the most trouble, what mistakes to avoid, and which strategies lead to success on the test. Examiners also benefit from the rigorous training programs offered by the Goethe-Institut and their impact on overall teaching performance.
- // The close cooperation between the Goethe-Institut and its examination centers includes regular feedback on the examination center's performance, which improves overall language program results.
- // Examination centers join an extensive network of peer German language institutions in the US, where cooperation and communication extends far beyond just the examinations.
- // Examination centers benefit from the Goethe-Institut's established image as the worldwide leader in German language teaching and testing, a marketing advantage epitomized by the Goethe-Institut examination center logo designed to visualize this close and exclusive partnership.
- // College/university language departments boost their international profile by integrating a globally recognized certification program and offering concrete evidence of their students' achievement.

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GOETHE EXAMINATIONS & EXAMINATION CENTERS IN THE US

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Goethe-Institut German Language Examinations & Examination Centers in the US

Goethe-Institut examinations set the global standard in German language proficiency testing, and passing certificates are accepted by employers and higher education institutions across the German-speaking world. Goethe-Institut examinations correspond to the levels set out in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and range from A1 for beginners to C2 for native-level speakers. Each exam consists of four parts: writing, reading, listening, and speaking. All exams are administered by professionally trained and Goethe-Institut certified language examiners.

Detailed information on Goethe-Institut examinations and sample tests can be found on our website:

WWW.GOETHE.DE/USA/EXAMINATIONS

In the US, examinations are offered at six Goethe-Institut branch offices: Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Washington DC. More than 50 examination centers across the country are accredited to conduct examinations on behalf of the Goethe-Institut. Examination centers are subject to guidance by responsible Goethe-Institut branch offices, and most centers also offer language courses to prepare candidates for our exams.

An overview of the locations in the USA where German examinations are given can be found on our website:

WWW.GOETHE.DE/USA/EXAMINATION-PARTNERS

What Does the Goethe-Institut Expect from its Examination Centers?

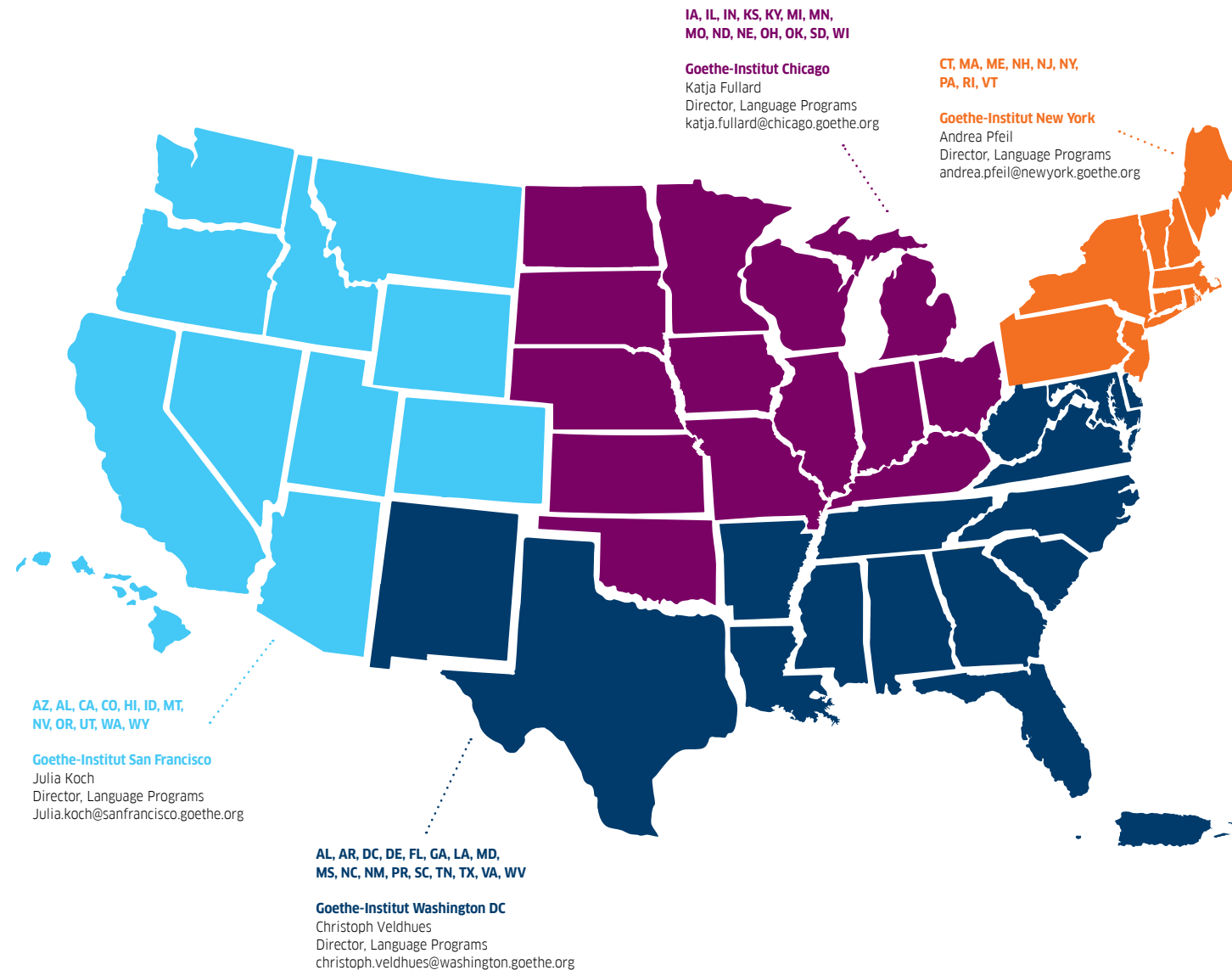
In order to maintain its leading position in German examinations worldwide and to secure the value of its internationally recognized certificates, it is crucial for the Goethe-Institut to make sure that the testing process is conducted in a proper and standardized manner by all examination centers. Thorough qualification programs for examiners and the regular monitoring of examination center standards form the foundation of the Goethe-Institut's examination center system.

Accordingly, Goethe-Institut examination centers offer Goethe-Institut examinations

- // on a regular basis, at least twice a year, for most or all proficiency levels (CEFR levels A1 – C2), both in their adult or teenager formats – the Fit A1/A2 youth examinations, if possible, in cooperation with local school partners;
- // not only (in the case of college/university language departments) to enrolled students, but explicitly to external customers as well;
- // for a fee in accordance with the current, US-wide price list of the Goethe-Institut (optional discounts for enrolled students), a portion of which is to be paid as commission to the responsible Goethe-Institut branch office
- // according to an annual examination schedule accessible online on our website (testing materials are sent to the responsible Goethe-Institut branch office in advance to ensure they are supplied in a timely manner)
- // with proof of correct conduct by sending examination reports and an annual report to the responsible Goethe-Institut branch office
- // conducted exclusively by Goethe-Institut authorized examiners whose qualifications consist of both continuing professional training courses (webinars) and an online certification process for language examiners, all of which are offered free of charge by the Goethe-Institut

How Does Cooperation Work?

To become a Goethe-Institut examination center, simply contact the Goethe-Institut branch office responsible for your state:



If, after mutual consideration, both parties accept a written accreditation agreement defining the mutual responsibilities of the examination partners, the new examination center will receive the partnership logo and will be listed on the Goethe-Institut website as part of its German language network.

Based on the annual examination schedule,

- // the new examination center will receive respective testing materials prior to testing dates
- // conduct examinations (two certified examiners per examination)
- // return examination documents including examination report to the responsible Goethe-Institut branch office
- // receive the certificates and forward them to the examinees
- // receive an invoice for the commission, and be billed the commission, see the current price list – fees and commissions – at our website: WWW.GOETHE.DE/USA/PRUEFUNGEN

The responsible Goethe-Institut branch office will receive the examination center's annual examination schedule (end of previous year) and annual report (end of year), and monitor the examiners' qualification incl. invitations to professional training online-courses and registration for the online certification process for language examiners.