

Important Information about the UNlcert® IV Oral Exam (*Economics & Ethics*)



A. Text selection

The UNlcert® IV Economics & Ethics oral exam is based on two texts, chosen by the examinee, which serve as the basis for discussion between the examinee and two examiners.

The two texts have to adhere to the requirements below:

- The text is linked to a topic dealt with in the **UNlcert® IV Economics & Ethics module courses**.
- The texts for topic 1 and for topic 2 **are not related**. I have chosen two completely different topics from two separate courses in the module.
- The text has been taken from **one of the type of sources** listed by the English Department in section A.1 Text sources.
- The text is suitable for an **academic level discussion** with the examiners. It doesn't simply list facts and figures, contain only definitions, repeat the same ideas, or not say anything concrete.
- The text is **authentic**. It has been written and published for the public. Your UNlcert® IV Economics & Ethics module **course papers will not be accepted**.
- The text is no **more than three years old**.
- The text is between **3 and 4 pages** (1500-2000 words).
 - ➔ You may hand in two shorter texts that are from two different sources, but only if:
 - one text presents the advantages and the other the disadvantages
 - one text explains the topic in general and the other provides examples or a concrete case study
 - one text compliments the other with additional information
 - the two texts offer completely different viewpoints

In this case the two texts must total the required length stated above.

- The **font type and size** are standard.
 - Arial, font size 11
 - Times New Roman, font size 12
- The **line-spacing** is 1,5.
- The pages are **numbered**.

A.1 Text sources

The following sources are recommended by the English Department:

The Economist: www.economist.com

Huffington Post: <https://www.huffpost.com/>

New York Times: <http://www.nytimes.com/>

Washington Post: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/>

Daily Telegraph: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/>

Guardian/Observer: <http://www.theguardian.com/uk/business>

Other sources of a similar nature will be accepted.

B. Handing in your texts to the 'Foreign Language Center' (FSZ)

The texts can be handed in:

- in **paper form** to the information desk (see homepage for opening times).
- by **email** (fsz@uni-tuebingen.de) as a PDF document. Links to webpages will not be accepted.

In both cases you must remember to include the required oral exam registration form (you can find this on the homepage). You must hand your texts in by the official deadline (see homepage).

C. The oral exam procedure

- The oral exam lasts **30 minutes** (approximately 15 minutes per text), and is carried out **individually**.
- The exam is a **discussion with two examiners (members of the English Department)** on your two texts, not a presentation. You will be guided with questions by the examiners on and around the two topics to facilitate the discussion, foster interaction and to test your ability to communicate naturally and fluently.
- You are not allowed to use any **supplementary material** in the exam; no copies of the texts, no notes, no power point slides.

D. Evaluation criteria

- A. Content
- B. Grammar
- C. Vocabulary

- D. Interaction and fluency
- E. Pronunciation

E. Contact

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