



Language requirements – Bachelor's programmes

- For admission to Dutch-taught bachelor's programmes you must be proficient in **Dutch** and, in most cases, in **English**.
- For admission to English-taught bachelor's programmes you must be proficient in **English**.

You can find specific language requirements and minimum test scores in the [relevant programme descriptions](#).

Dutch language tests

Tests accepted

- Faculty of Science & Faculty of Medicine (LUMC): [Dutch TUL intermediate exam](#) from the Academic Language Centre or [Dutch NT2-II diploma](#) (in Dutch)
- All other faculties: [Dutch TUL advanced exam](#) from the Academic Language Centre
- Also accepted by all faculties: [CNAVt](#) Educatief Startbekwaam or Educatief Professioneel

Exemptions

- Holders of an [International Baccalaureate® \(IB\) Diploma](#) with Dutch B Higher, Dutch A1 or Dutch A2 can be exempted from a Dutch test.
- Different rules apply for holders of the German Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife. You will receive more information upon admission.
- If Dutch was included in your secondary school diploma, check our [diploma requirements list](#) to find out whether you can be exempted from a Dutch test.

English language tests

Results may not be more than two years old!

Tests accepted

- [IELTS](#): academic modules only
- [TOEFL](#): internet-based
 - We do not accept TOEFL My Best™ scores (multiple test scores combined). The sufficient score must be obtained in one individual test. Also not accepted are institutional tests such as ITP.
 - We are able to accept the TOEFL Special Home Edition™ for admission to the academic years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.
- [Cambridge English Exam](#): C2 Proficiency or C1 Advanced, depending on admission criteria

Before taking your English test, always check that you are dealing with a genuine test centre. Unfortunately fraudulent test centres and websites do exist. If in doubt, check directly with the central test organisation.

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Note for Chinese students

Chinese students who need a [Nuffic certificate](#) should take either an IELTS or a TOEFL internet-based test.

Score equivalency table

IELTS	Toefl (internet based)	Toefl component score	Cambridge C2 Proficiency (CPE), or C1 Advanced (CAE)	Cambridge component score
6.0	80	20	CPE, CAE	169
6.5	90	22	CPE/CAE 180	176
7.0	100	25	CPE/CAE 185	185
7.5	113	27	CPE/CAE 191	191

Exemptions

You can be exempted from submitting one of the above-mentioned English test results if:

- You have a diploma from a (English-taught) [International Baccalaureate® \(IB\) Diploma Programme \(DP\)](#).
- You completed your secondary or higher education in the USA, the UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia or Canada (except French-taught programmes in Canada).
- You have a German Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife (Abitur) and English was included in your final year at least at Grundkurslevel.
- Exemptions may be granted on the basis of other educational diplomas. Check our [diploma requirements list](#) to find out whether your diploma might entitle you to an exemption.

In exceptional cases, students who otherwise qualify for an exemption but whose application documents cast doubt on their English proficiency, may be asked to sit an English exam.

Submitting English test results

1. Upload a copy of your test results in the online application system.
2. For authentication purposes, do the following before the visa/residence permit application deadline (if applicable) or the start of your studies:
 - TOEFL: instruct ETS to send your original results report to Leiden University Admissions Office – institution code 0504.
 - Cambridge certificate: indicate in Cambridge's [Candidate Results Online Portal](#) that Leiden University should receive your test result.
 - IELTS: a scanned exam result is sufficient - no further steps will be required.

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