Language Tests and Requirements – Bachelor’s programmes
You can find the exact language requirements per study programme under each programme description.

Dutch
Proficiency in Dutch is only required for admission to Dutch-taught Bachelor’s programmes.

Exams accepted
- Faculty of Science & Faculty of Medicine (LUMC): Dutch TUL intermediate exam or Dutch NT2-II diploma (in Dutch)
- All other faculties: Dutch TUL advanced exam from the Academic Language Centre

Exceptions
- Holders of an International Baccalaureate diploma, with Dutch B Higher, Dutch A1 or Dutch A2, are exempted from an additional Dutch exam.
- If you have a German Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife, different rules apply (you will receive more information upon admission).

Exemptions may be granted on the basis of other specific educational diplomas. The Admissions Office will let you know after receiving your application whether you qualify for an exemption.

English
Proficiency in English is required for admission to all English-taught and most Dutch-taught Bachelor’s programmes.

Accepted exams
- IELTS: academic modules only
- TOEFL
- Cambridge English Exam

Other exam criteria
- Exam results may not be more than two years old.
- Institutional exams, such as the ITP-TOEFL, cannot be accepted.
- Chinese students who need a Nuffic certificate should take either an IELTS or a TOEFL IBT exam.
Exemptions
You can be exempted from submitting one of the above-mentioned English exam results if:

- You have an (English-taught) International Baccalaureate diploma, or a European Baccalaureate with English as language 1.
- You completed your schooling in the USA, the UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia or Canada (except French-taught programmes in Canada).

Exemptions may be granted on the basis of other specific educational diplomas. The Admissions Office will let you know after receiving your application whether you qualify for 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 your exam results
All English exam results must be uploaded in the online application system.

Your English exam results must be checked for authenticity by the Admissions Office before the deadline for applying for a visa/residence permit (if applicable), or before the start date of your programme. To make this possible, please do the following:

- TOEFL exam: instruct ETS to send your original results report to Leiden University Admissions Office – institution code 0504.
- Cambridge certificate: send your ID number and your “secret number” (check the Candidate Results Online service) to Leiden University Admissions Office.
- IELTS: a scanned exam result is sufficient - no further steps will be required.

Other languages
Some bachelor’s programmes also require proficiency in other languages. Refer to the programme descriptions for details.