

English language proficiency MSc February 2024

For our MSc programmes starting in February 2024 we distinguish between two levels of English proficiency – English Level 1 and English Level 2.

Master programmes - English Level 1	Master programmes - English Level 2
Biosystems Engineering	Biology
Biotechnology	
Environmental Sciences	
Forest and Nature Conservation	

Accepted English Language Test and Minimum Scores

When applying, make sure that you meet the minimum test results that are needed for your programme(s) of choice.

	Level 1	Level 2
IELTS Academic Test (IELTS online is not accepted)	Overall grade 6.0 (with a minimum sub-score of 6.0 for speaking)	Overall grade 6.5 (with a minimum sub-score of 6.0 for speaking)
TOEFL IBT and TOEFL IBT Home Edition (MyBest scores are not accepted)	internet-based 80 (with a minimum sub-score of 20 for speaking)	internet-based 92 (with a minimum sub-score of 23 for speaking)
Cambridge FCE/B2 First	score between 169-190 or Grade B	score between 176-190 or Grade A
Cambridge CAE/C1 Advanced	score between 169-210 or Grade C	score between 176-210 or Grade C
Cambridge CPE/C2 Proficiency	score between 180-230 or Grade C	score between 180-230 or Grade C
TOEIC	Listening & Reading 670 and Speaking & Writing 290	Listening & Reading 720 and Speaking & Writing 310
RATEr (only applicable to EU/EEA/EFTA applicants)	Listening pass, Reading pass, Writing borderline, Speaking borderline	Listening pass, Reading pass, Writing pass, Speaking pass

We advise you to book a test at least 3 months prior to our application deadline as sometimes test dates become full quickly and results can take time to become available. The IELTS, TOEFL and TOEIC tests should be taken no longer than 24 months prior to the day of your application. Information and registration for these different tests can be found on the website of [TOEFL](#), [IELTS](#), [Cambridge](#), [TOEIC](#) and [RATEr](#).

Exemptions

Bachelor's/Master's at a Dutch University (WO)

Applicants who have completed their Bachelors/Masters at a Dutch University (WO) are exempted from submitting an English Proficiency test.

Bachelors at a Dutch University of Applied Science (HBO) taught in English

Applicants who have completed a Bachelors programme at a Dutch university of applied sciences (HBO) conducted completely in the English language are exempted from submitting an English Proficiency test. They are required to upload a signed statement from their institution that the medium of instruction during the complete Bachelor's programme they followed was English. A diploma supplement stating this information is also sufficient.

Minor programme at Wageningen University (24 ECTS)

Students who have completed a Minor programme at Wageningen University with a minimum of 24 ECTS in English taught WUR-courses. Please upload your transcript of records of all obtained courses at Wageningen University in the portal.

Bachelor's/Master's in one of the exemption countries

Applicants who have completed their higher education entirely taught in the English language (except online and double degree programmes) in one of the following countries are exempted from submitting an English proficiency test: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America.

Accepted European secondary education

Country	Name of Diploma	Name of Exam	Level 1	Level 2
Austria	Reifezeugnis/ Reifeprüfungszeugnis	Reifeprüfung Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schule (AHS)	"Genügend" for English	"Befriedigend" for English
Austria	Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis	Reifeprüfung Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schule (AHS)	"Genügend" for English	"Befriedigend" for English
Belgium	Diploma van secundair onderwijs	Examen Algemeen Secundair Onderwijs, derde graad (ASO)	60 for English	70 for English
Belgium	Diploma van secundair onderwijs	Examen Kunst- en Technisch secundair onderwijs, derde graad (KSO/TSO)	60 for English	70 for English
Denmark	Studentereksamenbevis (STX)	Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF)	5.0 for English (A-level)	8.0 for English (A-level)
Denmark	Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF)	Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF)	5.0 for English (A-level)	8.0 for English (A-level)
Estonia	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus	Riigieksamid Gümnaasium	65 for English	85 for English
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus	Ylioppilastutkinto/ Studentexamen (Matriculation Examination)	at least "cum laude approbatur"	at least "magna cum laude approbatur"
Finland	Studentexamenbevis	Ylioppilastutkinto/ Studentexamen (Matriculation Examination)	at least "cum laude approbatur"	at least "magna cum laude approbatur"
Finland	Matriculation Examination Certificate	Ylioppilastutkinto/ Studentexamen (Matriculation Examination)	at least "cum laude approbatur"	at least "magna cum laude approbatur"
Germany	Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife	Abiturprüfung Gymnasium	6 for English	9 for English
Germany	Fachhochschulreife	Hochschulreifeprüfung Berufsoberschulen	2.0 for English	1.5 for English
Hungary	Gimnáziumi Érettségi Bizonyítvány	Érettségi vizsga (Matura Examination)	5 for English (emelt szintű)	5 for English (emelt szintű)

Hungary	Szakközépiskolai Érettségi-képesítő Bizonyítvány	Érettségi vizsga (Matura Examination)	5 for English (emelt szintű)	5 for English (emelt szintű)
International	European Bacculaureate Certificate	European Bacculaureate Certificate	English as Language 1 or Language 2	English as Language 1 or Language 2
International	International Bacculaureate Diploma Programme	International Bacculaureate Diploma	Language of instruction English or English A Language and Literature 3	Language of instruction English or English A Language and Literature 4
Latvia	Atestāts par Vispārējo Vidējo Izglītību (Certificate of Secondary Education)	Centralizētais eksāmens (National Examination)	At least grade "A" or "B"	At least grade "A" or "B"
Lithuania	Brandos Atestata (Maturity Certificate)	Brandos Egzamino (Final Matura Examination)	At least 70 points	At least 85 points
Luxembourg	Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires	Examen de fin d'études secondaires	37 for English	47 for English
Netherlands	HAVO	HAVO examen	7 for English	8 for English
Netherlands	VWO	VWO examen	6 for English	7 for English
Norway	Vitnemal for Videregående Skole (Secondary School Certificate)	Eksamen fellesfag ENG 1002/1003	3.6 for English	4.5 for English
Norway	Vitnemal for Videregående Skole (Secondary School Certificate)	Eksamen programfag SPR3008 (Vg2), SPR3010 (Vg3), SPR3012 (Vg3)	3.6 for English	4.5 for English
Romania	Diploma de Bacalaureat (obtained after 2005)	Examenul de Bacalaureat	7.4 or B2 for English	8.4 or B2 for English
Slowakia	Vysvedčenie o Maturitnej skúške (obtained from a Gymnázium)	Maturita	50% for English B2	60% for English B2
Sweden	Högskoleförberedande Examen	Eksamen English 5, English 6, English 7	D for Engelska 7	C for Engelska 7