

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS**

The language proficiency requirements **vary slightly from one university to another**, as each university independently determines them. The following list includes the accepted ways to demonstrate your language proficiency, which are recognised by all progression universities and programmes.

## **LANGUAGE TESTS**

- **TOEFL iBT/ TOEFL iBT online version**
- **IELTS Academic/ IELTS Indicator**
- **PTE Academic/ PTE Academic Online**
- **C2 Proficiency** (former Cambridge English: Proficiency, CPE)
- **C1 Advanced** (former Cambridge English: Advanced, CAE)
- **National Certificate of Language Proficiency by Finnish National Board of Education (YKI)**

## **PREVIOUS DEGREES**

- **An International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma**
  - **A European Baccalaureate (EB) Diploma**
  - **A Reifeprüfung Diploma or the German International Abitur (DIA) Diploma**
  - **A Finnish matriculation examination**
  - **An upper secondary degree or a university degree taught in English in specific countries** (see list of countries below)
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- **SAT test**

**Please see instructions on how to send your test results to Aalto University at the last page of this document!**

## CURRENT LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS IN ADMISSIONS TO BACHELOR STUDIES

<b>Aalto University</b>	<b>Tampere University</b>	<b>University of Oulu</b>
<p><b>TOEFL iBT or TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition</b> (valid for two years) at minimum 78</p> <p><b>IELTS Academic or IELTS Indicator</b> (valid for two years) at minimum 6.0</p> <p><b>Pearson Test of English, PTE Academic, PTE Academic Online</b> (valid for two years) minimum score 54</p> <p><b>C1 Advanced, previous as CAE</b> (tests taken after 2005 are accepted) C</p> <p><b>C2 Proficiency, previous as CPE</b> (tests taken after 2005 are accepted) C1</p> <p><b>National Certificate of Language Proficiency by Finnish National Board of Education (YKI)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skill level 4 in the following subtests; reading, writing, listening and speaking.</li> </ul> <p>Language proficiency can also be demonstrated without completing the entire</p>	<p><b>TOEFL iBT/ TOEFL iBT online version</b> (valid for two years) 78 overall <b>with minimum 20 on Writing</b></p> <p><b>IELTS Academic or IELTS Indicator</b> (valid for two years) 6.0 overall <b>with minimum 5.5 on Writing</b></p> <p><b>PTE Academic or PTE Academic Online</b> (valid for two years) 54 overall <b>with minimum 42 on Writing</b></p> <p><b>C2 Proficiency, previous as CPE</b> (tests taken after 2005 are accepted) C1</p> <p><b>C1 Advanced, previous as CAE</b> (tests taken after 2005 are accepted) C</p> <p><b>National Certificate of Language Proficiency by Finnish National Board of Education (YKI)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proficiency level 4 on all the subtests (reading, writing, listening and speaking)</li> </ul>	<p><b>TOEFL iBT or TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition</b> (valid for two years) at minimum 78</p> <p><b>IELTS Academic or IELTS Indicator</b> (valid for two years) at minimum 6.0</p> <p><b>Pearson Test of English, PTE Academic, PTE Academic Online</b> (valid for two years) minimum score 54</p> <p><b>C2 Proficiency (former Cambridge English: Proficiency, CPE)</b> (No expiry date for test result) <b>Pass Level A, B, C</b> or level C1 certificate</p> <p><b>C1 Advanced (former Cambridge English: Advanced, CAE)</b> (No expiry date for test result) <b>Pass Level A, B, C</b></p> <p><b>National Certificate of Language Proficiency by Finnish National Board of Education (YKI)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skill level 4 in the following subtests; reading, writing, listening and speaking</li> </ul>

<p>matriculation examination (except for cases where the applicant demonstrates language proficiency in the IB examination language). The following methods can be used:</p> <p><b>Finnish matriculation examination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long syllabus (A-language) English exam passed with a minimum grade of magna cum laude approbatur (M).</li> </ul> <p><b>An International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing the examination in English.</li> <li>• Passing the A-level English exam (literature / language and literature / literature and performance).</li> <li>• Passing the B-level English exam with a minimum grade of 5 (good).</li> </ul> <p><b>A European Baccalaureate (EB) Diploma:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successfully completing L1 language (English).</li> <li>• Successfully passing L2 or L3 language (English) with a minimum grade of 7.</li> </ul> <p><b>A Reifeprüfung Diploma or the German International Abitur (DIA)</b></p>	<p><b>A Finnish matriculation examination</b> with a minimum grade of magna cum laude approbatur (M) in English language (advanced syllabus)</p> <p><b>An International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• successful completion of the International Baccalaureate Diploma in English; OR</li> <li>• successful completion of A Level English (literature / language and literature / language and performance); OR</li> <li>• a minimum score of 5 (good) in B Level English.</li> </ul> <p><b>A European Baccalaureate (EB) Diploma:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• successful completion of L1 in English, OR</li> <li>• a minimum score of 7 at L2 or L3.</li> </ul> <p><b>A Reifeprüfung Diploma or the German International Abitur (DIA) Diploma:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• successful completion of written A Level English OR a minimum score of 8 in oral A Level English.</li> </ul>	<p><b>A Finnish matriculation examination</b> with a minimum grade of magna cum laude approbatur (M) in English language in advanced syllabus</p> <p><b>An International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• successful completion of the International Baccalaureate Diploma in English; OR</li> <li>• successful completion of A Level English (literature / language and literature / literature and performance); OR</li> <li>• a minimum score of 5 (good) in B Level English.</li> </ul> <p><b>A European Baccalaureate (EB) Diploma</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• successful completion of L1 in English, OR</li> <li>• a minimum score of 7 at L2 or L3.</li> </ul> <p><b>A Reifeprüfung Diploma (German School in Helsinki) or the German International Abitur (DIA) Diploma</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• successful completion of written A Level English OR a minimum score of 8 in oral A Level English.</li> </ul> <p><b>Basic or upper secondary education completed in English</b> in an EU/EEA</p>
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**Diploma:** Sufficient English language proficiency is considered to be met if the applicant has completed English as an A-language (or equivalent result from the future DIA examination)

- In written form with an approved grade.
- Orally with a minimum grade of 8.

**Primary and secondary education or a higher education degree in English** in an EU/EEA country, the United States, Canada, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, or Switzerland.

**SAT test** with a minimum score of 1200 (total score)

**ACT test** with a minimum score of 25 (composite score)

**An upper secondary degree or a university degree taught in English** in an EU/EEA country, Switzerland, the USA, Canada, the UK, Ireland, Australia, or New Zealand

**Degree at a Finnish university or university of applied sciences** that includes compulsory studies in the English language and thereby demonstrates your language proficiency as set out in the Government Decree on University Degrees (Section 6; 794/2004) and the Government Decree on Universities of Applied Sciences (Section 7; 1129/2014).

A minimum of **25** credits earned by completing English-taught courses at Tampere University in the space of a **single semester** before the application deadline.

**SAT test**  
Reading and Writing (RW) and Math total score 1250 and Math section score 700.

country, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, or the United States, excluding online degrees and offshore campuses.

**Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degree in English** in EU/EEA country, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, or the United States, excluding online degrees and offshore campuses.

**SAT test** with a minimum score of 1050, with the section Evidence based reading and writing a minimum of 480.

## HOW TO SEND YOUR TEST RESULTS TO AALTO UNIVERSITY

- **IELTS:** The electronic test report needs to be nominated to Aalto University in the test administrator's service. When booking the test, you can choose Aalto University as the Recognising Organisation to make your score available to Aalto University. The department is "**Admission Services**". If you have already taken the test, contact your test centre and request the test administrator to send your electronic test report to Aalto University.
- **TOEFL:** Request your official score report to be sent from the test administrator to Aalto University reporting code **7364** (Score Report Recipient). Aalto University will verify the TOEFL results through the online verification system provided by ETS. The scores can be accessed approximately 1-2 weeks after the delivery order has been made. The official results must be received electronically directly from the test administrator by the deadline.
- **PTE:** Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE A) test scores must be sent via the test administrator's electronic service. Log in to your PTE account and send your results to Aalto University in the test administrator's service.
- **Cambridge:** You must log into the language test administrator's service and share your test results to Aalto University. The results are verified electronically. For C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency tests, electronically verifiable tests taken after 2005 are accepted.
- **SAT:** Please order your scores to be sent well before the deadline using Aalto University's SAT institutional code: **1700**. The official SAT test result must be delivered directly by the test organiser to Aalto University by 27 May 2024 at 3pm/15.00 (GMT +3). You must also attach a copy of the official SAT test result report to the application form by 27 May 2024 at 3pm/15.00 (GMT +2). Test results delivered after the deadline or solely by the applicant or test organiser are not accepted.
- **ACT:** Please order your scores to be sent well before the deadline using Aalto University's ACT institutional code: **3008**. The official ACT test result must be delivered directly by the test organiser to Aalto University by 27 May 2024 at 3pm/15.00 (GMT +3). You must also attach a copy of the official ACT test result report to the application form by 27 May 2024 at 3pm/15.00 (GMT +2). Test results delivered after the deadline or solely by the applicant or test organiser are not accepted.