

Specific Language Requirements 2024-2025

Should be read in combination with **article 10** of the Education and Examination Code (<http://www.ugent.be/oer/>)

MASTER'S PROGRAMMES (art. 10 §4)

Remark: Erasmus Mundus / joint master programmes are listed separately [pages 8-15]: students have already been screened through an admission procedure.

Faculty	Master's Programme	Level of Proficiency Dutch	Level of Proficiency English
Arts and Philosophy	Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature, requirements for the following language combinations: English English-German English-Italian English-Spanish English-Scandinavian Studies French-English	0	C1
	Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature, requirements for the following language combinations: German German-Italian German-Spanish German-Scandinavian Studies French French-German French-Italian French-Spanish French-Scandinavian Studies Scandinavian Studies	0	0
	<i>[Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature, requirements for all remaining language combinations: the regular language requirements as mentioned in the Education and Examination Code</i>	<i>B2</i>	<i>0]</i>

	Master of Arts in Multilingual Communication: a combination of at least two languages	C1	0
	Master of Arts in Interpreting: a combination of at least two languages	C1	0
	Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages	C1	0
	Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (all main subjects)	0	B2
Law	Master of Laws in International and European Law	0	C1
Sciences	All Dutch Master's Programmes (except for 'MSc in de geografie en de geomatica' and 'MSc in de informatica': these programmes follow the regulations of Ghent University Education and Examination Code): MSc in de fysica en de sterrenkunde, MSc in de geologie, MSc in de wiskunde	0	B2
	Master of Science in Geology (UGent – KU Leuven)	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL 90 (internet-based) - IELTS: 7 - Certificate awarded by Ghent University Language Centre confirming proficiency in English, CEF-level B2 - Certificate Practical English 5, Upper-Intermediate Academic English or Preparing for an English test, issued by Ghent University Language Centre - Cambridge-ESOL: first certificate in English (FCE) <p>Prospective students are exempted from the applicable language requirements, if they:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hold a diploma of secondary education awarded by (an educational institution that is recognized by) the Flemish Community; • hold a higher education diploma awarded by an institution for higher education that is recognized by the Flemish Community; • have already passed an English-language study programme, either in secondary education or at another institution for higher education (i.e. the student needs to have obtained 60 credits).
Master of Science in Sustainable Land Management (UGent – VUB)	0	<p>B2</p> <p>Are exempt from submitting a certificate B2 English: students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - having successfully completed at least one year of secondary education with English as language of instruction, or having successfully completed secondary school in a Belgian institution; - having successfully completed programme units in higher education with a minimum of 54 ECTS-credits where English was the language of instruction. A certificate that the language of instruction was English has to be submitted for institutions in countries where English is not the national language.
Master of Science in Space Studies (UGent – KU Leuven) <u>enrolment at KU Leuven</u>	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL: minimum overall score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet-based). • IELTS Academic test: minimum overall score of 6.5 <p>The following applicants are exempted from submitting an English proficiency certificate: Applicants who have obtained a previous university degree taught in English in</p>

Australia, English-speaking Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Their entire programme should have been completed in English.			
Medicine and Health Sciences	Master of Medicine in de huisartsgeneeskunde	C1	0
	Master of Medicine in de arbeidsgeneeskunde <i>enrolment at KU Leuven</i>	C1	0
	Master of Medicine in de jeugdgezondheidszorg <i>enrolment at KU Leuven</i>	C1	0
	Master of Medicine in de verzekeringsgeneeskunde en de medische expertise <i>enrolment at KU Leuven</i>	C1	0
	Master of Science in de ziekenhuishygiëne <i>enrolment at KU Leuven</i>	C1	0
Engineering and Architecture	Master of Science in de ingenieurswetenschappen: fotonica	B2	B2
	<p>Prospective students are exempted from the applicable language requirements if they have obtained one of the following diplomas or certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a secondary education diploma awarded by (an educational institution that is recognized by) the Flemish Community; - a higher education diploma awarded by an institute of higher education 		

		<p>that is recognized by the Flemish Community;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a certificate confirming that the student passed one year of study in a Dutch-language secondary education; - a certificate confirming that the student has already obtained 54 credits for Dutch-language course units at another institute of higher education; - passing the entrance exam for the Dentistry/Medicine study programmes; - passing the interuniversity exam for the equivalence of a foreign diploma in medicine organized by the VLIR; - passing the NT2 State exam Programme II 	
Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering (UGent, KULeuven, UCLouvain, ULiège, VUB, ULB)	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL 550 (paper-based) - TOEFL 79 (internet-based) - TOEFL 213 (computer-based) - IELTS: 5.5 - UCT-attest: level B2 - a certificate confirming that the prospective student passed one year or at least 60 credits of study in an English-language study programme in either secondary or higher education 	
Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (UGent – VUB)	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL 580 (paper-based) - TOEFL 92 (internet-based) - TOEFL 237 (computer-based) - IELTS: 6.5 	
Master of Science in Smart Operations and Maintenance in Industry (KU Leuven - UGent) – <u>enrolment at KU Leuven</u>	0	see https://smart-om.eu/requirements/	

	Master of Science in Photonics Engineering (UGent – VUB)	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL 570 (paper-based) - TOEFL 87 (internet-based) - TOEFL 213 (computer-based) - IELTS: 6.5 (minimum 6.0 for each part) - Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): grade B - Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): grade C - B2 certificate from a university language centre
	Master of Science in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research, main subject Sustainable Mobility Analytics (double degree programme)	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IELTS: 6.5 (minimum 6 for each part) - TOEFL: 92 ((internet-based) (score 21 or higher for reading, listening and speaking, and minimum 22 for writing) <p>English proficiency tests may be waived for applicants who have completed a bachelor degree given in English at a university that is physically located in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand or USA.</p>
Economics and Business Administration	Master of Science in Data Science for Business	0	C1
	Master of Science in Banking and Finance	0	C1
Bioscience Engineering	<p>The following English Master's Programmes:</p> <p>Master of Science in Aquaculture</p> <p>Master of Science in Bioscience Engineering: Cell and Gene Biotechnology</p> <p>Master of Science in Environmental Science and Technology</p>	0	<p>Only nationals of all EU and EEA countries, Australia, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, UK, USA, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, can provide a stamped and signed certificate of English proficiency issued by their previous university if they have obtained at least 60 ECTS credits with English as the language of instruction during</p>

	Master of Science in Nutrition and Food Systems		<p>a previous bachelor or master level higher education degree. This certificate should clearly state that English was the language of instruction during the previous degree.</p> <p>Candidates from any other nationality need to present test results of one of the following tests (validity of 5 years):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL iBT 86 • TOEFL pBT 570 • Academic IELTS 6,5 overall score with a min. of 6 for writing (online test is accepted) <p>Exemptions: Prospective students who have a diploma (Secondary Education, Academic Bachelor Degree, Master Degree) issued by an institution officially recognized by the Flemish Government (see Education and examination code art. 10 § 1 2°).</p> <p>Remark: this exemption does not count for application to Erasmus Mundus Programmes.</p>
	Master of Science in Bioscience Engineering: Sustainable Urban Bioscience Engineering (UAntwerpen, UGent, KU Leuven) <u>enrolment at UAntwerpen</u>	0	See https://www.sube.be/admission-and-enrolment/admission-requirements/
Pharmaceutical Sciences, Bioscience Engineering	Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Engineering	0	<p>TOEFL 580 (paper-based)</p> <p>TOEFL 92 (internet-based)</p> <p>TOEFL 237 (computer-based)</p> <p>IELTS: 6.5</p>

JOINT MASTER PROGRAMMES / Erasmus Mundus

(Students have already been screened through an admission procedure.)

Faculty	Master's Programme	Level of Proficiency Dutch	Level of Proficiency English
Arts and Philosophy	Master of Arts in Technology for Translating and Interpreting	0	<p>Minimum C1 level proven by a professional language certificate where relevant (e.g. academic IELTS, IELTS indicator, TOEFL IBT, TOEFL IBT Home Edition, CAE).</p> <p>Knowledge of at least one additional language taught by the non-British partner universities in their translation and interpreting courses: Spanish, Bulgarian, German, French, Italian, Greek, Russian, Arabic, Dutch and Turkish (minimum B2 level proven by a language certificate where relevant)</p>
Law	International Master of Science in Advanced Research in Criminology: Border Crossing, Security and Social Justice	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum IELTS (International English Language Testing System; www.ielts.org) a minimum score of 7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in each component or - minimum TOEFL IBT (Test Of English as a Foreign Language; www.ets.org/toefl) scores of 90 for the internet-based test with a minimum of 22 in Reading; 21 in Writing; 17 in Listening; 20 in Speaking; IELTS and TOEFL test results must not be older than two years. Institutional TOEFL test scores are not accepted. <p>Exceptions to the English proficiency test are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Native English speakers (countries in which English is an official language) and/or students with a degree in English taught secondary education or a first degree or higher degree from an institution in which English is the primary language of instruction;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students with a Dutch pre-university diploma; - Students holding a diploma of secondary education awarded by (an educational institution that is recognised by) the Flemish community; - Students with an English taught bachelor's diploma; - Students with an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma; - Students who have passed University of Cambridge exams, Proficiency (CPE) or Advanced (CAE); - Students who have passed Advanced Placement International English Language examination (APIEL) with a minimum of 4 points. <p>(see also https://www.internationalmastercriminology.eu/practical/)</p>
Sciences	International Master of Science in Marine Biological Resources	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL 570 (paper-based) - TOEFL 87 (internet-based) - IELTS: 6.5 - Certificate of a University Language Centre testifying that the student masters the necessary knowledge of English to function academically (min. CEF-level B2) - a recent Cambridge English certificate: Cambridge English First (FCE) - grade A or B - a certificate proving the student has followed at least 1 year of higher education in English <p>The IMBRSea Programme Board can, at its own discretion waive the requirement for proof of English language skills, if English was the official language of instruction/teaching for at least one year of the previous successful Higher Education studies.</p>

Engineering and Architecture	International Master of Science in Fire Safety Engineering	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IELTS Academic module 6.5 (with 6.0 in each section) - TOEFL IBT (including Home Edition): 92 (with at least 20 in each section); TOEFL MyBest Score will not be accepted - Trinity ISE II Certificate with 'distinctions' in all four components - Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE): total 176 with at least 169 in each component - Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): total 176 with at least 169 in each component - PTE academic 62 overall with at least 59 in each component
	European Master of Science in Nuclear Fusion and Engineering Physics	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL 94 (internet-based) - IELTS: 7.0 (with a minimum of 6.0 for each part) - Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE), grade C1 (CAE) <p>English tests results provided by universities are not considered a sufficient proof.</p> <p>Exemptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prospective students who can prove that they have successfully completed at least two years (120 ECTS) of an English programme at an institute for higher education
	International Master of Science in Textile Engineering	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * B2 Cambridge Certificate or an equivalent level * IELTS Certificate with a minimum overall score of 6.5 (with at least 6 for writing) or an equivalent level

		<p>* TOEFL Certificate with a minimum score of 570 (paper-based) or 86 (internet-based) or an equivalent level</p> <p>* TOEIC Certificate with a minimum score of 1560 calculated as (Listening & Reading score + Writing & Speaking score multiplied by 2.5) or an equivalent level</p>
International Master of Science in Advanced Design of Sustainable Ships and Offshore Structures	0	<p>Applicants must provide an English language certificate no more than three and a half years old from the start date of the programme (September), unless applicants are using IELTS, TOEFL, Trinity ISE or PTE, in which case it must be no more than two years old. 1 of the 6 following certificates must be submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IELTS Academic with a minimum score of 6.5 (with at least 6.0 in each section). • TOEFL-iBT (internet-based) Certificate (including Home Edition) with a minimum score of 92 (with at least 20 in each section). We do not accept TOEFL MyBest Score to meet our English language requirements. • Trinity ISE II Certificate with distinctions in all four components. • Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) total 176 with at least 169 in each component. • Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) total 176 with at least 169 in each component. • PTE Academic 62 overall with at least 59 in each component. <p>Special Note on exemptions <i>Exemptions always need to be requested and approved by the EMship Selection</i></p>

			<i>Committee. It is not possible to be exempt just because applicants have studied a Bachelor degree in English.</i>
Economics and Business Administration	Master of Science in Economics of Globalisation and European Integration	0	<p>B2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages in English) issued by a university language centre.</p> <p>The proficiency in English of the students is checked by submitting proof of a computer-based TOEFL level of minimum 90, or an IELTS grade of at least 6.5, or should submit proof of having studied at least a sufficient number of credits in an English-language programme. The proficiency in English of applicants can be checked also during the selection process by the JBS using direct interviews or through the administration of tests.</p>
Psychology and Educational Sciences	European Master of Science in Clinical Linguistics	0	<p>Proof of sufficient English language knowledge by relevant test results (TOEFL at least 600 paper-based, 250 computer-based, 100 internet-based or IELTS of at least 7 or Cambridge C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency Certificate.</p> <p>The proof of English skills may not be older than 2 years.</p> <p>Only native speakers (UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA) do not need to hand in such proof.</p>
Bioscience Engineering	International Master of Science in Rural Development	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL 550 (paper-based) - TOEFL 80 (internet-based) - IELTS: 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 for writing) - Certificate CEF-B2 (issued by a European university language centre)

		<p>- ESOL Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)</p> <p>Exemptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prospective students holding a diploma (Secondary Education, Academic Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree) issued by an institution officially recognized by the Flemish Government. Remark: this exemption does not count for application to Erasmus Mundus Programmes. - Prospective students who are nationals from or have obtained a bachelor and/or master degree in a higher education institute with English as mode of instruction in USA, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland or Canada. In the latter case a certificate has to be submitted that states that English was the language of instruction. <p>See also https://www.imrd.ugent.be/application</p>
International Master of Science in Environmental Technology and Engineering	0	<p>-IELTS 6.0 or higher (preferably 6.5 or higher) with a minimum of 6.0 for writing</p> <p>- TOEIC: 960 or higher</p> <p>- TOEFL iBT 80 (with minimum 17 for writing)</p> <p>- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE).</p> <p>See also https://www.un-ihe.org/education/english-language-requirements</p> <p>Exemptions:</p> <p>Nationals from Australia, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Canada, Cook Islands, Eswatini, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines,</p>

		<p>Singapore, South Africa, St Vincent and Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, UK, USA, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, provided that earlier education is taught in English and is finalised with a Bachelor degree.</p>
International Master of Science in Health Management in Aquaculture	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL IBT 92, with subscore for speaking 23 - ACADEMIC IELTS: 6.5 overall score (with minimum 6 for writing of 6 for speaking) - CEF-B2 certificate (awarded by a European language centre) - ESOL Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): score between 176-210 or Grade C <p>Exemptions: Prospective students who are nationals from or have obtained a bachelor and/or master degree (excluding double degrees or online degree programmes) in a higher education institute with English as mode of instruction in USA, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland or Canada (except universities in Quebec Province, apart from applicants that have completed a 4 year bachelor degree at McGill University with English as the language of instruction. A certificate confirming that the mode of instruction was English needs to be submitted).</p>
International Master of Science in Soils and Global Change	0	<p>The English language proficiency can be met by providing a certificate () of one of the following tests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL IBT 90, TOEFL IBT Home Edition is accepted - ACADEMIC IELTS 6,5 overall score with a min. of 6 for writing

		<p>-Cambridge C1 advanced certificate (formerly Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE))</p> <p>Exception: Candidates having obtained a previous higher education degree in Australia, Belize, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, Hongkong, India, Ireland, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Malta, Namibia, New-Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South-Africa, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, United States of America, United Kingdom Zambia or Zimbabwe need to provide an English language of instruction certificate issued and signed by their previous university. This certificate should clearly state that the language of instruction was English.</p> <p>A language of instruction certificate will not be accepted if the degree was obtained in another country than the countries listed above.</p> <p>See also https://imsoglo.eu/admission-application/</p>
International Master of Science in Sustainable and Innovative Natural Resource Management	0	<p>Accepted English language test certificates (the certificate cannot be older than 5 years):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL iBT (at least total score of 86 out of 120, TOEFL iBT Home Edition is accepted). • TOEFL pBT (at least total score of 570). • Academic IELTS (overall band score of at least 6.5 with at least 6 for writing, IELTS Online is accepted).

- Cambridge C1 advanced certificate (formerly Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE))

Only nationals of all EU and EEA countries, Australia, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, UK, USA, Zambia and Zimbabwe are exempted to provide an English language test certificate as listed above and can provide a stamped and signed certificate of English proficiency issued by their previous university if they have obtained at least 60 ECTS credits with English as the language of instruction during a previous bachelor or master level higher education degree. This certificate should clearly state that English was the language of instruction during the previous degree. Nationals of other countries need to provide one of the above listed English language test certificates (TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge CAE).

More information on English language requirements can be found on <https://sinrem.eu/admission-applying/>.

Political and Social Sciences, Arts and Philosophy

MA in Global Studies

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*** for applicants who do not have English as their mother tongue:**

- Excellent English skills: applicants need to prove their proficiency in English by providing official test scores for one of the following

standardized English proficiency tests:
TOEFL (min. 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, 80 internet-based), IELTS (min. 6.5 with no section less than 6.5), Cambridge C2 Proficiency (CPE, grades A, B, C), Cambridge C1 Advanced (CAE, grades A, B).

Exemption: applicants who have studied for more than one year at or received a degree from a university at which English was the language of instruction are not requested to take one of the previously mentioned proficiency tests. An official certificate from the applicant's university is required to confirm that English was the language of instruction.

- Knowledge of another foreign language at A2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (to be proven by a high school certificate and/or an internationally recognized test, score certificates or equivalent proof of participation in language courses).

*** for applicants who have English as their mother tongue**

Native English speakers must provide proof of knowledge of a first and a second language other than their mother tongue at the A2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

See also <https://globalstudies-masters.eu/admission/application/application-documents/>

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES (art. 10 §5)

Faculty	Postgraduate Programme	Level of Proficiency Dutch	Level of Proficiency English
Arts and Philosophy	Postgraduaatsopleiding Conferentietolken	0	0
	Postgraduate Certificate Dutch as a Foreign Language and Applied Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level of Dutch: CEFR B2 - Level of Dutch: CEFR C1 	A1 B1	B2 B2
Engineering and Architecture	Postgraduate Certificate Smart Operations and Maintenance in Industry (UGent - KU Leuven) <u>Enrolment at KU Leuven</u>	0	see https://smart-om.eu/requirements/

DOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES ([OER doctoreren](#) art. 2 § 3)

Faculty	Doctoral Training Programme	Level of Proficiency Dutch	Level of Proficiency English
Engineering and Architecture	European Joint Doctoral Training Programme in High-Temperature Plasma Physics and Thermonuclear Fusion (FUSION E-DC)	0	B2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL 4.5 (paper-based) - TOEFL: 72 (internet-based) - Cambridge Certificate grade B2 or similar), or equivalently the proof of sufficient English knowledge, through an interview (and decided upon by the supervisor) or based on the previous curriculum