**English language proficiency**

For all study programmes conducted in English, a minimum level of proficiency in the English language is required. You need to substantiate your level of English by submitting evidence in the form of a result of one of the language tests Fontys accepts. The minimum required test result is mentioned in this table.

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| Accepted tests by Fontys | Overall Score | Testpart | One lower testpart score allowed |
| **IELTS Academic** | ≥ 6.0 |   |   |
| Reading |   | ≥ 6.0 | ≥ 5.5 |
| Listening |   | ≥ 6.0 | ≥ 5.5 |
| Speaking |   | ≥ 6.0 | ≥ 5.5 |
| Writing |   | ≥ 6.0 | ≥ 5.5 |
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| **Cambridge** | ≥ 169 |   |   |
| Reading |   | ≥ 169 | ≥ 160 |
| Listening |   | ≥ 169 | ≥ 160 |
| Speaking |   | ≥ 169 | ≥ 160 |
| Writing |   | ≥ 169 | ≥ 160 |
| Use of English |   | ≥ 169 | ≥ 160 |
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| **TOEFL iBT** | ≥ 80 |   |   |
| Reading |   | ≥ 18 | N/A |
| Listening |   | ≥ 17 | N/A |
| Speaking |   | ≥ 20 | N/A |
| Writing |   | ≥ 17 | N/A |

Please note:

1) We do not accept IELTS online and TOEFL Home Edition.

2) We do not accept scores of subjects taken on different dates. All subjects need to be tested on the same date.

3) IELTS and TOEFL certificates may not be more than two years old at the start of your study.

**Exemption of Proof of English**

You may be exempted from submitting a proof of English in the following cases:

-You hold a MBO-4, HAVO or VWO diploma (From the Netherlands, Aruba, Curaçao, Bonaire or Suriname)

-You meet the educational requirements on the basis of an accredited US Highschool diploma, the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma, GCE A(S) level certificates issued by AQA, Pearson, OCR or Cambridge, Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate or the European Baccalaureate certificate.

-The language of instruction of the secondary school or university you completed is English in a native English-speaking country (one of the following countries: Australia, Canada (Quebec excluded), Ireland, New Zealand, South- Africa, the United Kingdom or the United States of America)

-You have obtained a diploma that is included in the list of diplomas compiled by Nuffic and one of your exam subjects was English. You can check the list of diplomas here: [Diplomalist \_ENG\_ (internationalstudy.nl)](https://wp.internationalstudy.nl/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Diploma-list-_ENG_.pdf)