

Demonstration of language proficiency in the student selection of the University of Turku

Having come into effect on 1 August 2018, the University of Turku Regulation on Studies determines the following on demonstration of language proficiency in student selection: "When selecting students to pursue a degree, the applicants must prove their language skills in the manner described in the admission criteria. The University follows the manners of verifying language skills which are defined in the Rector's decision."

Demonstration of proficiency in Finnish in the student selection of the University of Turku

Proficiency in Finnish must be demonstrated at the application phase when applying for a Bachelor's and Master's degree if the studies qualifying for higher education have been completed abroad or in Finland with other than the Finnish language. Appropriate certificates on language proficiency must be delivered to the University as attachments to the application. In their admission criteria, the faculties may decide on using the entrance examination as a manner of demonstrating language proficiency. In their admission criteria, the faculties may also decide on using other manners of demonstrating language proficiency if the degree programme open for application is part of such a joint application within same fields in which it has been agreed on using different manners of demonstrating language proficiency than those defined in the decision.

PROVING FINNISH SKILLS WITH A LANGUAGE EXAMINATION OR TEST

National language proficiency test YKI (Finnish)	Completing at least the level 4 in all parts of the test (reading comprehension, writing, listening comprehension, and speaking)
State administration language examination (speaking, writing, and reading comprehension)	All parts of the examination completed with a good grade

PROVING FINNISH SKILLS WITH COMPLETED STUDIES

Comprehensive education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic education, school-leaving examination for secondary education, or other examination qualifying for higher education completed in Finnish.
Finnish Matriculation Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother tongue (Finnish) completed with at least the grade <i>approbatur</i> as part of the Matriculation Examination, Finnish as the second language completed with at least the grade <i>magna cum laude approbatur</i> as part of the Matriculation Examination, the second national language completed at advanced syllabus level with at least the grade <i>eximia cum laude approbatur</i> or intermediate syllabus level with the grade <i>laudatur</i> as part of the Matriculation Examination
School-leaving examination corresponding to the Finnish Matriculation Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IB school-leaving examination: a passing grade in the Finnish language in an A level test or at least the grade 5 in a B level test The EB school-leaving examination: a passing grade in the Finnish language as an L1 language or at least the grade 7 as an L2 language The Reifeprüfung or the Deutsches Internationales Abitur school-leaving examination completed in the Deutsche Schule Helsinki school: A passing grade in the Finnish as the mother tongue test or the Finnish as the second language test completed with at least the grade 8
Higher education studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language test or language studies included in a higher education degree that demonstrate oral and written proficiency in Finnish (as the second national language), with at least the grade good. In a higher education institution, at least 35 former credit units or 60 credits completed in Finnish Language OR a completed <i>cum laude approbatur</i> study module completed in Finnish Language OR equivalent completed studies according to a certificate provided by a higher education institution. Higher education degree completed in Finnish OR higher education degree with

	<p>Finnish Language (or equivalent) as the major subject.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant has written their thesis for at least their Bachelor's degree in Finnish • A maturity test completed in Finnish in a higher education institution.
Other manners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finnish language studies corresponding to the basic education syllabus of the Kulkuri School of Distance Education completed with a passing grade.

Other than the aforementioned manners of proving Finnish skills (with a language examination or completed studies) are not accepted.

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Demonstration of proficiency in English in the student selection of the University of Turku

Internationality is a prerequisite for a research university. Due to legislative regulations as well as for the University's reputation and high quality, the criteria of the selection process must be transparent and equal. Uniform criteria and manners of proving language skills in the whole University clarify the selection process from the perspectives of the applicant, representatives of the University, and partners and strengthen its reliability.

The manners of proving English skills defined in this document apply directly to persons applying for education leading to a degree at the University of Turku. **As for basic degrees, demonstrating proficiency in English is only required when applying for degree programmes in English. As for postgraduate degrees, demonstrating proficiency in English at the application phase applies to all applicants.**

When drafting degree programmes that are implemented in collaboration with other higher education institutions, it must be ensured that the language skill requirements of the partner universities are also transparent, predetermined, and commensurable with the requirements of the University of Turku. The minimum requirements of language tests must also be on the same level with those of the University of Turku.

These manners of proving language skills are primarily applied to commissioned education as well.

Demonstration of proficiency in English when applying for a degree programme leading to a higher education degree (postgraduate education and basic degree education in English)

The Government Decree 1039/2013 states the following on the goals of higher education degrees regarding language proficiency by degree level: a person who has completed a Bachelor's degree possesses "sufficient language skills for the duties of their field as well as international operations and collaboration", a person who has completed a Master's degree possesses "good communication and language skills for the duties of their field as well as international operations and collaboration", and a person who has completed a postgraduate degree "has gained sufficient communication and language skills and other skills to operate [...] in international collaboration".

Persons applying for Bachelor's degree programmes are required to possess a language proficiency in English of the lower B2 level. According to the European Language Proficiency Framework, the level B2.1 is a basic level of independent language proficiency with which the person in question is capable of versatile expression, regular interaction, as well as powerful argumentation. Field-specific vocabulary and academic communication skills develop during the studies, as Bachelor's degree programmes include language studies either as separate courses or integrated into the studies of the field.

Persons applying for international Master's degree programmes are required to possess a language proficiency of the level B2.2. On the higher half of the level B2, argumentation and interaction in the communication of the student's own field become more efficient and linguistic awareness increases. Communication is fluent and spontaneous and requires no extra effort from either party. Students must possess good skills in academic written and oral expression already at the application phase in order to be able to fully focus on building up their expertise in their own fields from the beginning of their studies in accordance with the objectives of the degrees. Pursuing their Master's degrees, students often only complete one English course that focuses on academic writing.

The emphasis of postgraduate education is on research, and the purpose of the courses included in the degree is to support the skills required of a researcher and expert. From the perspectives of both the progress of studies and research and integration into the academic community, the persons selected for

postgraduate education are required to possess fluent oral and written communication skills in an international language. As the language of international communication at the University of Turku is (primarily) English, proving English skills is required when applying for postgraduate education either with completed studies or a language test. Despite this, it is still possible to complete postgraduate education mainly in Finnish.

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PROVING ENGLISH SKILLS WITH A LANGUAGE TEST

The language tests below and their score limits are based on the data collected from earlier application rounds as well as national and international comparisons. In the preparation, special attention has been paid to the collaboration with Åbo Akademi University and the national commensurability of the degree programmes.

Manner of proving language skills	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree or postgraduate degree
TOEFL (IBT) The test consists of four parts: reading comprehension, listening comprehension, speaking, and writing.	total score at least 80 (internet-based test), result of writing test at least 16	total score at least 90 (internet-based test), result of writing test at least 20
IELTS (Academic) The test consists of four parts: reading comprehension, listening comprehension, speaking, and writing.	total score at least 6.0, result of writing test at least 5.5	total score at least 6.5, result of writing test at least 6.0
C2 Proficiency (previously CPE) The test consists of four parts: reading comprehension and language use in different situations, listening comprehension, speaking, and writing.		grade "C" or higher
C1 Advanced (previously CAE) The test consists of four parts: reading comprehension and language use in different situations, listening comprehension, speaking, and writing.		grade "C" or higher
PTE Academic The test consists of three parts: listening comprehension and writing, reading comprehension, and listening comprehension.	total score at least 54, result of writing test at least 46	total score at least 62, result of writing test at least 54
National language proficiency test YKI (English) The test consists of four parts: reading comprehension, listening comprehension, speaking, and writing.	completing at least the level 3 in an intermediate test	completing at least the level 4 in an intermediate test

The result of the language test must be available by the closing of the application period. The arrangements for carrying out the language test are the applicant's responsibility. Some language test organisers announce an expiry date for the result. The University does not set a period of validity for the language test result, but the results confirmed by the language test organiser are taken into account if they are available.

PROVING ENGLISH SKILLS WITH COMPLETED STUDIES

The manners of proving language skills with completed studies below are based on the data collected from earlier application rounds as well as national and international comparisons. In the preparation, special attention has been paid to the collaboration with Åbo Akademi University and the national commensurability of the degree programmes.

Manner of proving language skills	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Postgraduate degree
secondary education in Finland	the English language test completed with at least the grade magna cum laude approbatur as part of the Finnish Matriculation Examination / the written English test completed with at least the grade 5 as part of the school-leaving examination International Baccalaureate / the English language test completed with at least the grade 7.00 as part of the school-leaving examination European Baccalaureate or the English language completed with at least the grade 8 in the school-leaving examination Reifeprüfung	the English language test completed with at least the grade magna cum laude approbatur as part of the Finnish Matriculation Examination / the written English test completed with at least the grade 5 as part of the school-leaving examination International Baccalaureate / the English language test completed with at least the grade 7.00 as part of the school-leaving examination European Baccalaureate or the English language completed with at least the grade 8 in the school-leaving examination Reifeprüfung	Secondary education completed in Finland
secondary education completed abroad	secondary education completed in English in Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, or the United States Commissioned education: secondary education completed in English also in other countries. Joint implementation of commissioned education: language studies completed during the first and/or second year of studies.	secondary education completed in English in Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, or the United States	secondary education completed in English in Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, or the United States
higher education degree completed in a Finnish higher education institution		higher education degree completed in a Finnish university or university of applied sciences with foreign language skills demonstrated in the English language as stipulated in the Government Decree on University Degrees	higher education degree completed in a Finnish university or university of applied sciences
higher education degree completed		higher education degree completed in English in	higher education degree completed in

abroad		an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, or the United States	English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, or the United States
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Other than the aforementioned manners of proving English skills (with a language test or completed studies) are not accepted. As for commissioned education (transnational education), proving language skills is agreed on together with each partner.