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Ensure language proficiency

Most courses offered at the University of Ottawa are given in English and French. **Candidates must submit a language proficiency test at the time of application in the language that they wish to take courses in if that language is not their mother tongue.**

Restrictions and exemptions from taking an English language proficiency test

Before consulting the language requirements, please note the list of tests which are not accepted by the University of Ottawa:

1. Proficiency tests administered by home institutions
2. TOEFLI (Institutional TOEFL)
3. TOEFL-ITP
4. TOEIC

Also, please note that students from the following countries are exempted from English proficiency tests:

Students from the following countries:

All countries where English is the official language (Canada, United States, England, Australia, New Zealand, etc...)

- Denmark
- Iceland
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Puerto Rico
- Sweden
- Finland

Students from the following Universities or Exchange Programs:

- University of Cooperative Education - Loerrach
- Reykjavik University – Law students
- University Erfut - exemption granted with two years of English or French language instruction
- National University of Singapore
- Nanyang Technical University
- Nagoya University

Translation and Department of English students are exempted from submitting a TOEFL score except if they wish to take courses outside of the departments of English and Translation.

What are the language requirements for undergraduate studies?

For students who wish to study in French:

Scores indicated below are required for all programs offered at the University of Ottawa. Even if you achieve the required score, we reserve the right to ask you to take language courses if we feel that your knowledge of one of the two official languages is not satisfactory. Test scores are valid for two years.

Test	Required score
DALF (<i>external website, in French only</i>)	C1 or C2
DELF (<i>external website, in French only</i>)	B2
TEF (<i>external website, in French only</i>)	B2
TCF (<i>external website, in French only</i>)	B2

For students who wish to study in English:

Scores indicated below are required for all programs offered in a direct-entry faculty. Even if you achieve the required score, we reserve the right to ask you to take language courses if we feel that your knowledge of one of the two official languages is not satisfactory. Test scores are valid for two years.

Test	Overall score	Required score in written section
* TOEFL University of Ottawa Institution Code: 0993	Internet: 86	22
	Computer: 237	4,5
	Paper-based: 580	4,5
* IELTS	6,5	6,5
Cambridge English Language Assessment	B2	

* Faculty of Law, Common Law applicants must have:

- an overall score of 100 and a written score of 24 on the TOEFL test;
- an overall score of 7 and a written score of 6.5 on the IELTS test;
- an overall score of C1 on the Cambridge English Language Assessment test.

What are the language requirements for Graduate studies?

In order to know what are the language requirements for Graduate studies, please refer to our page on [Graduate language requirements by program](#)