

English proficiency required of incoming exchange students Faculty of Law – Groningen [March2019]

► Students are expected to have a command of the English language suitable for the level of their studies in Groningen – this means *at least level B2* for bachelor level courses, and *at least level C1* for master level courses.

The Law Faculty/International Office reserves the right to deny admission into courses if the language level of exchange students might impede progress for other students in those courses.

► The Faculty of Law-Groningen wants to emphasize that a level of English similar to **B2** is the very *minimum* requirement for students who want to spend an exchange period in our Law Faculty. *Students who do not have at least B2 level cannot be accepted for an exchange period in Groningen Law Faculty.*

English level B2 gives access to the more general law courses at Bachelor level.

► In addition, we expect incoming exchange students to have *finished at least two years of law* studies before they arrive in Groningen.

For more specialized courses & master level courses (indicated by Ba/Ma and M) students definitely need a higher level of English than B2.

Students from our Erasmus+ partners or bilateral exchange partners

The Law Faculty Groningen currently does not yet require an official English language test from this group of incoming exchange students, but will need written confirmation (letter or email) from the home university about the level of English proficiency of their nominated students (e.g. B2, or C1, C2, etc).

► Native speakers are exempt from this requirement.

Guideline for required English level of incoming exchange students:

► **for bachelor level courses in Law** (indicated by B or Ba):

minimum level is B2 (CEFR)

or score 82 for the TOEFL

or score 6.0 in the IELTS

► **for master level courses in Law** (indicated by Ba/Ma and M):

required level is C1 (CEFR)

or score 92 for the TOEFL

or score 6.5 in the IELTS

► Native speakers are exempt from this requirement.

► Students must not only meet the required level of English, but must also always meet the entry requirements of a course (if any).

Requirement for International Credit Mobility / ASEAN / SHARE students

Students coming to Groningen under the ICM, ASEAN or SHARE scheme must prove their English proficiency level to be at **C1**.

Such written proof can consist of the following test scores* :

- CEFR score C1
- TOEFL score 92
- IELTS score 6.5
- a Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English
- and/or a Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English

► Native speakers are exempt from this requirement.

► Students must not only meet the required level of English, but must also always meet the entry requirements of a course (if any).

*CEFR = Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

TOEFL = Test of English as a Foreign Language

IELTS = International English language Testing System