

How to determine your level and find out which courses you are allowed to sign up for

Please answer the following questions:

A) DO YOU WISH TO TAKE COURSES IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH?

Yes,	I wish to take courses taught in French, Italian, Spanish or another modern language	<p>You can take courses offered in a language that you are proficient in. Which courses you can take depends on how many years of relevant academic study you have completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One and two year level 1 and level 2/3 courses • Three or more years MA courses / level 4, participation is subject to approval of the MA programme co-ordinator. <p><i>Please see the cluster Modern European Languages for courses offered in languages other than English and Dutch</i></p>
Yes,	I wish to take courses taught in Dutch/Nederlands.	<p>You can take courses offered in Dutch if you have enough Dutch language skills. Which level courses you can take depends on your language skills and the years of relevant academic study you have completed:</p> <p>Level 1: goede passieve kennis van het Nederlands nodig/ good passive knowledge of Dutch Level 2: passieve en actieve kennis van Nederlands vereist/ passive and active knowledge of Dutch is required Level 3: zeer goede Nederlandse vaardigheden en academische achtergrond in het betreffende studiegebied nodig./ good Dutch language skills and relevant academic background in specific study area. Level 4: vakken op MA nivo. Alleen mogelijk in bijzondere gevallen na overleg mastercoördinator/ MA courses, participation is subject to approval of the MA programme co-ordinator</p> <p><i>Please see cluster Nederlandse taal, cultuur en geschiedenis for courses offered in Dutch</i></p>
No,	I wish to take courses taught in English	<i>Please go to question B</i>

B) ARE YOU A NATIVE SPEAKER OF ENGLISH?

Yes,	English is my mother tongue	<p>How many years of relevant academic study have you completed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One and two year level 1 and level 2/3 courses • Three or more years MA courses / level 4, participation is subject to approval of the MA programme co-ordinator.
No,	English is not my native language	<i>Please go to question C</i>

C) DO YOU HAVE ONE OF THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTS AND DID YOU SCORE BA OR MA LEVEL RESULTS?

BA level means:

- **IELTS:** score at least 6.5 with no component of the test scored lower than 6
- **Cambridge International Examination:** score of ‘B’ for the Certificate in Advanced English or a minimum of ‘C’ for the Certificate of Proficiency in English;
- **TOEFL Internet-based test:** minimum total score 90; minimum score on each component 20. If you have the results of a computer-based test or paper-based test, please contact the Humanities’ international office. These tests are generally not accepted.

MA level means:

- **IELTS:** score at least 7 with no component of the test scored lower than 7
- **Cambridge International Examination:** score of ‘A’ for the Certificate in Advanced English or a minimum of ‘B’ for the Certificate of Proficiency in English;
- **TOEFL Internet-based test:** minimum total score 100; minimum score on each component 22. If you have the results of a computer-based test or paper-based test, please contact the Humanities’ international office. These tests are generally not accepted.

Yes,	I have MA level test results	<p>How many years of relevant academic study have you completed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One and two years level 1 and level 2/3 courses • Three or more years MA courses / level 4, participation is subject to approval of the MA programme co-ordinator.
Yes,	I have BA level test results	<p>How many years of relevant academic study have you completed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One and two years level 1 and level 2/3 courses • Three or more years level 1 and level 2/3 courses (no MA courses)
No,	I did not take an official test or I did not get the required results	<p>Without an official language test your course choices are very limited. You will not be able to take 3 and level 4 courses and for other level 1 or 2 courses it depends on the result of the two languages tests from the Faculty of humanities (non-official). Your level of English will be determined in 2 tests.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first, the digital Oxford placement test is taken prior to coming to Amsterdam (see instructions below). 2. The second is taken after arrival in Amsterdam. <p>Before coming to Amsterdam, you are required to take the digital Oxford Placement test. This test is free and you can take it after you send in your application. The Humanities’ international office will give you access. After you have taken the digital Oxford Placement test, please go to question D.</p> <p>Once you have gotten access to the test. Please follow the instructions below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Go to the following website: http://blackboard.ic.uva.nl ▪ Click ‘Login’ ▪ Give your email address as your ‘Loginnaam’ (Username) ▪ Give your email address again for your ‘Wachtwoord’ (Password) ▪ Under the heading ‘Courses in which you are participating’ the ‘Placement test English’ is listed. ▪ If you click ‘Placement test English’ you get a screen with a short explanation of the test. You can do the test by clicking ‘Assignments’.

	<p>Please note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can only do the test 1 time. - You have 30 minutes to complete the test. - You are not allowed to use a dictionary - You should do the test by yourself without any help. <p>If you encounter any problems please contact international-fgw@uva.nl</p>
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D) WAS YOUR SCORE 31 OR HIGHER ON THE DIGITAL OXFORD PLACEMENT TEST?

<p>Yes, I scored 31 or higher</p>	<p>If you scored between 41 and 50 on the test your grammar skills would seem to be sufficient. If you scored between 31 and 40, the results on the test are inconclusive.</p> <p>In both cases you will be tested again (this time on vocabulary, writing and speaking) after arrival in Amsterdam. This test will take place in the week before the start of the semester. The courses you can take depend on the outcome of this final test.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you do well on this test, you will be admitted to level 2 courses. ▪ If you do not perform well you may be required to take an English language acquisition class to improve your English. Experience teaches us that most students who score below 40 are required to take an English language class which means that they have to drop other classes. Please check this with your home university beforehand! <p>To prepare yourself for this test, we strongly advise you to take the (free) web class Debug your English! Prior to coming to Amsterdam. Please follow the instructions below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Go to the following website: http://blackboard.ic.uva.nl ▪ Click 'Login' ▪ Give your email address as your 'Loginnaam' (Username) ▪ Give your email address again for your 'Wachtwoord' (Password) ▪ Under the heading 'Courses in which you are participating' the 'Debug your English' course is listed. ▪ If you click 'Debug your English!' you get a screen with a short explanation of the web class. If you click on 'Course Information' you get information about the structure on the web class. If you click on 'Course Materials' you can start the web class. <p>Please contact the international office at international-fgw@uva.nl if you encounter any problems</p>
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<p>No I scored 30 or lower</p>	<p>At this moment your proficiency is not sufficient to take courses in English. We advise you to postpone your exchange and improve your English in the meantime. The only other option is to take courses offered in your native language (see cluster Modern European Languages). To practice your English you can also take the web class 'Debug your English!' (see instructions above).</p>
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