Language requirements

for participation in the Exchange Programme of Utrecht University
School of Law & School of Governance

The courses in the programme offered to foreign students are conducted in English. The reading materials are also in English. Therefore proficiency in the English language is expected and required. The Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance does not offer English language courses to foreign students. If a student needs extra language training, we advise him/her to prepare in their home country.

Exchange students must show proof of sufficient knowledge of English. The required level of English proficiency differs between those students who will only do bachelor-courses and those students who are eligible for and want to do master-courses (see underneath)

Please note: students are exempted from taking an English language test if you are a native speaker of English and/or hold a degree from Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, UK, USA or South Africa. Also when there is an explicit agreement between the home Faculty of the exchange student and Utrecht University School of Law and/or School of Governance in which the formal language-requirements are waived (based on a long term experience), the student is exempted from the language-test.

Students doing only bachelor-courses have to fulfill the following requirements (if not exempted):

At Utrecht University we expect our exchange students to be proficient in English language. Ask your home university coordinator whether you are required to take an English language test, or need to complete a language proficiency form. The following test scores indicate the level of English that is required:

- **IELTS, Academic Module.** Minimum score: 6.0 overall band, 5.5 for writing. IELTS is the test preferred by Utrecht University.
- **TOEFL, Internet based.** Minimum score: 83. Institutional scores are not accepted. The TOEFL institution code for Utrecht University is 9062.

Students doing (also) master-courses have to fulfill the following requirements (if not exempted):

- **IELTS, Academic Module.** Minimum score: 7.0 overall band, at least 6.5 for writing.
- **TOEFL, Internet based.** Minimum score: 100, institutional scores are not accepted (the TOEFL institution code for Utrecht University is 9062).
- **Cambridge Certificates.** Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English, at least a B grade. Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English, at least a C grade.

*Please note, the language requirements for master courses at the School of Law differ from the Utrecht University requirements. Chinese students have to take the IELTS or TOEFL test.*