Admission requirements for the Bachelor’s programme in American Studies

In this document, you will find diploma-specific admission requirements for the English-taught Bachelor's programme in American Studies. If your diploma is not mentioned below, please send an email to bachelor-arts@ru.nl to find out the specific requirements that apply to your case.

**Germany**
Diploma: Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife (Abitur).

English language: English as Prüfungsfach in the Abitur (Grundkurs or Leistungskurs). The results will be assessed on an individual basis. If your level is insufficient, a separate certificate proving proficiency in English is needed (see below: “All other international pre-university qualifications”).

**United Kingdom**
Certificates: General Certificate of Secondary Education in 3 subjects (A*-C or 9-4) + a General Certificate of Education with 3 relevant, academic(and some vocational) subjects at advanced level (A*-C), 6 different subjects in total, including English and mathematics.

English language: Having obtained three GCE A-levels proves proficiency in English.

**United States**
Diploma: High School Diploma plus 4 AP-certificates with a minimum grade 3 (out of 5).

English language: Having obtained a High School Diploma in the United States proves proficiency in English, if English is the language of instruction.

**International Baccalaureate**
Diploma: Diploma programme, not Career-related programme, with a minimum of at least 24 points.

English language: Having obtained an International Baccalaureate diploma proves proficiency in English.

**European Baccalaureate**
Diploma: European Baccalaureate Diploma.

English language: Having passed English Language 1 or 2.
All other international pre-university qualifications (EU/EEA and non-EU/EEA)

Diploma: A diploma which is equivalent to or higher than Dutch VWO level, according to NUFFIC.

English language: You can prove proficiency in English in two ways: through your diploma or through a language test.

1. Diploma

Obtaining a diploma equivalent to or higher than the Dutch VWO level by completing education at an institution in Australia, Canada (with the exception of Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States of America (where the language of instruction is English) proves proficiency in English.

Furthermore, obtaining a diploma from one of the European countries mentioned below and having passed English in the final examinations, would also exempt you from taking a language test.

- **Austria**
  - Reifezeugnis or Reifeprüfungszeugnis

- **Luxembourg**
  - Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires

- **Belgium**
  - Diploma van secundair Onderwijs

- **Norway**
  - Vitnemal for Videregaende Skole

- **Denmark**
  - Studentereksamenbevis

- **Sweden**
  - Slutbetyg fran Gymnasieskolan

- **Finland**
  - Ylioppilastutkintotodistus or Studenterexamenbevis

- **The Netherlands**
  - Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs

- **Germany**
  - Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife

2. Language Test

If you haven't obtained one of the above-mentioned diplomas or a passing grade for English, a separate certificate proving proficiency in English is needed. We accept the tests mentioned below. Per test you will find the minimum required result.

- a TOEFL iBT total score of \( \geq 80 \), all four sub-scores \( \geq 20 \);
- an IELTS Academic overall score of \( \geq 6.0 \), all four sub-scores \( \geq 6.0 \);
- Cambridge Certificate C1 Advanced (CAE) of C2 Proficiency (CPE) Certificate with a mark C or higher.

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