Diploma specific admission requirements

For the Pre-Master’s Programmes starting in September 2023.

To be eligible for one of NSM's English-taught Pre-Master's programmes, you must meet the admission requirements; academic and English language proficiency. Below, you will find a list of diplomas that might exempt you from taking an English language proficiency test.

Belgium
Diploma: Diploma van secundair onderwijs.
English language: Having obtained a passing grade for English as a final exam subject.

Germany
Diploma: Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife (obtained in Gymnasium).
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; “Proving proficiency in the English language”).

France
Diploma: Baccalauréat Général.
English language: A separate certificate proving proficiency in English is needed (see below; Proving proficiency in the English language”).

Luxembourg
Diploma: Diplome de Fin d’Etudes Secondaires.
English language: Having obtained a passing grade for English as a final exam subject.

United Kingdom
Certificates: General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) in 6 subjects or more, of which 3 with marks ranging from A* - C + a General Certificate of Education (GCE) with 3 subjects at advanced level (A-level) with marks ranging from A* - C (no vocational subjects), 6 different subjects, including English and Math
English language: Having obtained a GCE with 3 A-Levels, marks ranging from A*-C.

United States
Diploma: United States (US) High School Diploma plus;
- (+) four AP-certificates with a minimum grade 3 (out of 5) OR
- (+) SATs (Mathematics section 600; Reading & Writing sections 580)

International Baccalaureate
Diploma: Diploma programme, not Career-related programme, with a minimum of at least 24 points and 3 Higher Level (HL) subjects.
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.
Proving proficiency in the English language

You can prove sufficient proficiency in English in three ways: through your previous education, through your citizenship or through a language test. Below you can find out which applies to you.

**Previous education**
If you have or will get one of the diplomas mentioned below, you do not have to take a language test.

- Germany: Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife, including English in the Abitur as a Grundkurs or Leistungskurs
- International Baccalaureate (IB Diploma Programme in the English language)
- European Baccalaureate (including English Language 2 or 1)
- A diploma, equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma, obtained after completing an English-taught programme in one of the member states of the EU/EEA, Australia, Canada (with the exception of Quebec), New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States.

Obtaining a diploma from one of the European countries mentioned below and having passed English in the final examinations, will also exempt you from taking a language test:

- Austria Reifezeugnis or Reifeprüfungszeugnis
- Belgium Diploma van secundair onderwijs
- Denmark Studentereksamenbevis
- Finland Ylioppilastutkintotodistus or Studentereksamenbevis
- Germany Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife
- Luxembourg Diplôme de Fin d’Études Secondaires
- Norway Vitnemal for Videregående Skole
- Sweden Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan

**English language test**
If none of the above applies to you, you will be required to take a language test. We accept the following tests:

- IELTS Academic: overall score at least 6.0, sub-scores at least 6.0
- TOEFL iBT: total score at least 80, sub-scores at least 20
- Cambridge Certificate C1 Advanced: minimum mark C
- Cambridge Certificate C2 Proficiency: minimum mark C

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