Diploma and English Proficiency Requirements 2022-2023
University College Utrecht

Applicants must have a Dutch high school diploma at VWO level (any profile) or a foreign equivalent. In this document you can check whether your diploma meets this requirement.

The listed high school diplomas qualify for admission to University College. All applicants are required to meet the English proficiency requirements.

Your grade point average is one of the aspects we refer to when assessing your application. The grade averages/GPAs mentioned in the diploma list are not strict requirements but give you an indication of which ranges of grades we are looking for at University College Utrecht. Please note that meeting the academic requirements does not automatically guarantee admission to University College Utrecht.

Please note that information from third party websites do not guarantee admissibility to University College Utrecht. For more information on the Dutch education system see www.studyinholland.nl

### Dutch VWO Diploma
- **Obtained in**: BES Islands, Curacao, Netherlands, Sint Maarten

### International Diplomas
- Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)
- European Baccalaureate
- International A-Levels
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- US high school diploma from international school outside of US

### National Diplomas

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Diploma not listed

Countries that are not listed, such as Brazil, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Japan, and Indonesia, are decided upon on a case-by-case basis. This does not mean you cannot be admitted. It is strongly recommended that applicants apply with at least 4 US College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examinations with scores of 4 or 5 and/or one year of university with a GPA of 3.5 out of 4. Please note that SAT and ACT scores are only considered with the US High School diploma.

- If all secondary education is not completed in English, an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.
- A full year of university with English as the sole language of instruction and communication may give you an exemption from providing proof of English proficiency, if you have achieved high results. Please contact us if you think you qualify for an exemption. However, if we don’t accept your results as proof of English proficiency, an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Applicants with obtained university credit

If you are already attending university and would like to apply to University College Utrecht, it is part of the regular admissions process. This means that all incoming degree students are expected to apply as undergraduate students for our three-year Liberal Arts and Sciences degree programme.

You should submit your high school diploma and transcripts. Please also include any obtained university grades and transcripts as we will take these grades into consideration when evaluating your application.

“Transferring” from other universities is not possible. If admitted to University College Utrecht, candidates can apply for a shortened programme.

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Dutch VWO diploma

Obtained in: BES Islands, Curaçao, Netherlands, Sint Maarten
VWO diploma: average overall grade of at least 7

- A grade of 8.0 or above for English on your grade list or diploma is sufficient evidence of English proficiency. Please note, if you have yet to receive your diploma, your English grade must be 8.0 without rounding to be accepted. If your English grade is lower than 8.0, then an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

International diplomas

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)
Three double units (Unit 1 + 2) in three general/academic subjects (VWO requirement): minimum grades I-III

- Exempt from English proficiency test.

European Baccalaureate
average overall grade of 8

- A grade of 9.0 or above for English L1 or L2 on your transcript or diploma is sufficient evidence of English proficiency. Please note, if you have yet to receive your diploma, your English grade must be 9.0 without rounding to be accepted. If your English grade is lower than 9.0, then an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

International Baccalaureate (IB)
Minimum of 32 points, excluding Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay.

- For students following a full International Baccalaureate program with all courses (except foreign language courses) taught exclusively in English, there is no need to add additional proof of English proficiency.

US high school diploma from international school outside of US
US High school diploma from accredited high school/college preparatory programme with general/academic subjects and meet one of the following three requirements:

1. at least four College Board AP examinations with grades 4 or 5;
2. a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 out of 4 and three College Board AP examinations with grades 4 or 5.
   - Please upload your College Board AP exam score report or AP exam registration confirmation to your application file when applying.
If your high school does not offer AP courses or you are unable to provide sufficient AP scores and/or a GPA, SAT composite scores (>1400) or ACT composite scores (>29) in combination with performance achieved in a rigorous curriculum will be considered in exceptional situations. Admitted students who submit test scores as part of their application will be required to provide official score reports prior to enrolment.

OR

3. high school diploma plus 1 year of full-time college or university credit: average GPA of 3.5 out of 4.

Please upload your school profile (if applicable) to your application when applying.

- Exempt from English proficiency test.
- If all secondary education is not completed in English, an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) may be required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.
- A full year of university with English as the sole language of instruction and communication may give you an exemption from providing proof of English proficiency, if you have achieved high results. Please contact us if you think you qualify for an exemption. However, if we don't accept your results as proof of English proficiency, you will still have to provide us with a valid English Proficiency test certificate (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) before the application deadline.
**National diplomas**

**Albania**
Diplomë e Maturës Shtetërore: average overall grade of 8

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

**Aruba**
VWO diploma: average overall grade of 7

- With a grade of 8.0 or above for English on your grade list or diploma is sufficient evidence of English proficiency. Please note, if you have yet to receive your diploma, your English grade must be 8.0 without rounding to be accepted. If your English grade is lower than 8.0, then an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

**Austria**
Reifezeugnis/Reifeprüfungszeugnis: average overall grade of 2

- Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis: average overall grade of 2

- Students are exempt from providing English test scores if their most recent grade for English is a 1. If your English grade is lower than 1, an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

**Australia**

- Higher School Certificate/Queensland Certificate of Education
- South Australian Certificate of Education
- Qualifications Certificate
- Tasmanian Certificate of Education
- Victorian Certificate of Education
- Western Australian Certificate of Education
- ACT Year 12 Certificate
- Northern Territory Certificate of Education

**AND**

- The courses taken in the final year (year 12) have to be academic based courses.

**AND**

- Minimum ATAR score: 85.
- Overall Position (OP) Score: less than 7.

- Exempt from English proficiency test.
Belgium
Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs, Algemeen Secundair Onderwijs (ASO): average overall grade of 7 (or 70 depending on grading scale used).

Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur, enseignement general : average overall grade of 7 (or 70 depending on grading scale used).

- Students are exempt from providing English test scores if their most recent grade for English is 80% or above. If your English grade is below 80%, then an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Bosnia and Herzegovina
Diploma o položenom maturskom ispitu / Diploma o završenoj srednjoj školi: average overall grade of 4

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Bulgaria
Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie -Диплома за средна образовагие (academic stream): average overall grade of 5

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Canada
Ontario: Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) with at least 6 pre- U/M courses in academic subjects: average overall grade of 80% for academic subjects

Other English-speaking provinces: High School Diploma with a at least 5 academic courses in grade 12: average overall grade of 80% for academic subjects

- Students with the above diplomas are exempt from English proficiency test.

Quebec: Diplôme d'Etudes Collégiales (DEC) with the designation préuniversitaire: average overall grade of 80%

- For students with Diplôme d'Etudes Collégiales, an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

China
Applicants must have completed one year of university. University grades will be taken into account.

Please note: All Chinese mainland students must apply for and obtain a "Nuffic Certificate“ before their visa application can be submitted. This includes taking an IELTS or TOEFL test. More information.

- English proficiency test (IELTS or TOEFL) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.
Croatia
Svjedodžba o (državno) maturi: average overall grade of 4

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Czech Republic
Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce obtained at a Gymnázium: average overall grade of 2

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Denmark
- Studentereksamenbevis (STX): average overall grade of 7
- Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen (HF): average overall grade of 7
- Højere Handelseksamen (HHX): average overall grade of 7

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Estonia
Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus: average overall grade of 4

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Finland
Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentexamenbevis: average overall grade of 5 or graduated with at least Magna cum Laude Approbatur Matriculation Examination Certificate

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

France
Baccalauréat Général: average overall grade of 13

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Option International du Baccalauréat (OIB)

- Students in the American or British section of this diploma are exempt if their most recent grade for English Language and Literature is at least 14. For students with a grade below 14, an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.
Germany
Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife (Abitur): average overall grade of 10 before graduation. Durchschnittsnote after graduation of at least 2.0

- German students are exempt from providing English test scores if their Abitur grade for English is 13 or higher. Please note that students following a combined Abitur/Baccalauréat programme are not exempt from this rule, and will need to submit English test scores at the time of application. If your English grade is lower than 13, then an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Greece
Apolytirio Genikou Lykeiou: average overall grade of 17

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Hungary
Gimnáziumi Érettségi Bizonyítvány: average overall grade of 4

For Matura exam (Érettségi): at least 2 subjects at Higher Level (emelt szint), OR 1 subject at Higher Level and 5 subjects at Intermediate Level (középszint)

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Iceland
Stúdentspróf (Matriculation Examination), obtained at a Menntaskóli: average overall grade of 7

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

India
- All India Senior School Certificate (CBSE): average of 80% in at least 5 general/academic subjects
- Indian School Certificate (CISCE): average of 80% in at least 5 general/academic subjects
- Senior Secondary Certificate (NIOS): average of 80% in at least 5 general/academic subjects

- Exempt from English proficiency if diploma is obtained at CBSE, CISCE, NIOS AND fully English-taught. Students who have not been taught fully in English, an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.
Ireland
Leaving Certificate with at least 6 courses in general, academic subjects with at least two at the higher level: Higher level grades H1 – H2.

- Exempt from English proficiency test.

Israel
Te'udat Bagrut (at least 21 credits, of which at least 4 in English and 4 in Mathematics):
average overall grade of 80%

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Italy
Diploma di Superamento dell’Esame di Stato Conclusivo dei Corsi di Istruzione Secondaria Superiore (liceo classico/scientifico / linguistico/scienze umane):
average overall school grade of 7; Esame di Stato score of at least 80

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Kazakhstan
Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools (NIS) Grade 12 Certificate: Grades AAB in academic subjects

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Kosovo
Diplomë për Kryerjen e Shkollës së Mesme të Lartë (Matura): average overall grade of 4

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Latvia
Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību: average overall grade of 7 (70% for state examinations)

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Lithuania
Brandos Atestatas: average overall grade of 8 (80% for state examinations)

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.
Luxemburg
Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires classiques / Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires générales: average overall grade of 44

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Macedonia
Maturski Ispit: average overall grade of 4

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Malaysia
Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia/Matriculation Certificate: average overall grade at least B

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Malta
Matriculation Certificate (with a minimum of 3 A-levels): average overall grade at least B

- Exempt from English proficiency test.

New Zealand
NCEA Level 3 (with at least 60 credits from general level 3 subjects): Meeting university entrance standard (shown on NZRoA or separate University entrance certificate).

- Exempt from English proficiency test.

Norway
Vitnemål for Videregående Opplæring: average overall grade of 4

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Poland
Swiadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Ogólnokształcacego and Swiadectwo Dojrzałości: average overall grade of 4 (60% for final exams)

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.
Portugal
Diploma/Certificado/Certidão do Ensino Secundário

AND

Statement from Direção-Geral do Ensino Superior that you are admissible to a Portuguese university: average overall grade of 15

➢ English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Romania
Diplomă de Bacalaureat: average overall grade of 9

➢ English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Serbia
Diploma o stečenom srednem obrazovanju from a Gimnazije or Diploma/Uverenje o položenom maturskom ispitu: average overall grade of 4

➢ English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Singapore
Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' level in 3 H2 + 1 H1 content-based subjects + General Paper/Knowledge and Inquiry (5 different subjects in total): average overall grade at least B

➢ Exempt from English proficiency test.

Slovakia
Vysvedčenie o Maturitnej skúške obtained at a Gymnázium: average overall grade at least 3 (65% for Matura exams)

➢ English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Slovenia
Splošna Matura (General Matriculation Certificate): average overall grade of 4, at least 22 for the Matura exam

➢ English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.
South Africa
National Senior Certificate; minimum of 7 acceptable subjects: average overall grade 80%

Acceptable subjects are the following:
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Home Language
- First additional language
- Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physical Sciences
- Religion Studies

Not preferred, but acceptable subjects include:
- Mathematical Literacy

➢ Exempt from English proficiency test.

Spain
Título de Bachiller AND a passing grade (aprobado) in PAU/EBAU/EvAU: average overall grade of 7 (for school subjects and university entrance exams)

➢ English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Suriname
VWO diploma: average overall grade of 7

➢ With a grade of 8.0 or above for English on your grade list or diploma is sufficient evidence of English proficiency. Please note, if you have yet to receive your diploma, your English grade must be 8.0 without rounding to be accepted. If your English grade is lower than 8.0, then an English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) is required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Sweden
Högskoleförberedande in one of the following programs with an average overall grade of B:
- Naturvetenskapsprogrammet/Natural Science programme
- Samhällsvetenskapliga programmet/Social science programme
- Teknikprogrammet/Technology programme
- Ekonomiprogrammet/Business Management and Economics programme
- Humanistiska programmet/Humanities programme
- Estetiska Programmet/Health and Social Care Programme

➢ English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.
Switzerland
Maturity Certificate/Maturitätszeugnis/Maturitätsausweis/ Certificat de Maturité (federally recognized): average overall grade of 5

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

Turkey
Lise Diploması: considered on a case-by-case basis. It is strongly recommended to apply with 4 AP exams with scores of 4 or 5 and/or one year of university.

- English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.

United Kingdom and International A-Levels

- England, Wales & Northern Ireland: GCSE plus 3 GCE A levels: Grades AAB in academic subjects

Preferred / academic A-level subjects are the following:
- Ancient History
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies / Classical Civilisation
- Economics
- English Literature / English Language and Literature
- Geography
- History
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Politics / Government and Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

If you have A level subjects that are not in the list above, please contact the Admissions Office. Each file will be looked at individually to assess admissibility.

- Scotland: Scottish Qualifications Certificate with 2 Advanced Highers + 4 Highers

- Exempt from English proficiency test.
United States

- US High school diploma from accredited high school/college preparatory programme with general/academic subjects and meet one of the following three requirements:

1. at least four College Board AP examinations with grades 4 or 5;

2. a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 out of 4 and **three** College Board AP examinations with grades 4 or 5.
   - Please upload your College Board AP exam score report or AP exam registration confirmation to your application file when applying.
   - If your high school does not offer AP courses or you are unable to provide sufficient AP scores and/or a GPA, SAT composite scores (>1400) or ACT composite scores (>29) in combination with performance achieved in a rigorous curriculum will be considered in exceptional situations. Admitted students who submit test scores as part of their application will be required to provide official score reports prior to enrolment.

OR

3. high school diploma plus 1 year of full-time college or university credit: average GPA of 3.5 out of 4.

- Regents Diploma (7 exams): Advanced Designation with Honors
- Associate in Arts/Sciences degree: only considered with GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4 and evidence of a strong academic curriculum and preparation.
- General Education Development (GED) diploma will only be considered in combination with high university results and/or AP examination scores of 4 or 5.
- Homeschool and Online school: only considered if the school has been regionally accredited. Students are required to submit an SAT general score of at least 1400 or ACT composite score of at least 29.

For all US diploma applicants, please upload your school profile (if applicable) to your application when applying.

- **Exempt from English proficiency test.**

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Vietnam

- Bằng tốt nghiệp phổ thông trung học: average final exam grade 8 or above in the 4 national examinations

  - **English proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or CAE) required. Visit our website for the minimum requirements.**