

Proficiency in English – PhD-level studies

With reference to:

Section 6, §3 of the Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at the University of Tromsø – The Arctic University of Norway:

Applicants must document proficiency in English that satisfies the Norwegian Higher Education Entrance Qualification. The faculty can under special circumstances grant dispensation from this requirement on the basis that the applicant is proficient in Norwegian.

English proficiency can be certified by any of the following tests:

- **TOEFL:** Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 580 (paper-based)/ 213 (computer-based)/ 85 (Internet-based). Institutional code: 0742.
- **IELTS:** International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) with a minimum of 6.5 points
- **APIEL:** Advanced Placement International English Language Examination (APIEL) with a minimum of 3 points
- **MELAB:** Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) with a minimum of 85 points
- **University of Cambridge Exams:** *Certificate in Advanced English* or *Certificate of Proficiency in English*

These requirements also apply to applicants who are not enrolled in a PhD programme but seek admission to individual PhD-level courses.

Some categories of applicants are exempted from the English test requirement. These categories are listed under the following link: <https://www.nokut.no/en/surveys-and-databases/nokuts-country-database/GSU-list/>

Applicants meeting the following criteria can apply for exemption:

- completion of a 2-year Master's degree programme with a Master's thesis written in English and English as the language of instruction and examination.
- completion of a 5-year integrated Master's degree programme with a Master's thesis written in English and English as the language of instruction and examination for the last two years of the programme at least.

The requirements also apply to admission to 8000-courses of applicants who are not doctoral candidates.