

Language requirements

If you have achieved eligibility for doctoral studies through previous studies in another language than Finnish or Swedish you must demonstrate communication-level proficiency in Finnish, Swedish or English. Language skills can be indicated with your previous school or university education or by a standardized language test.

Language requirements in English (minimum requirements)

- Upper-secondary education in English in the Nordic Countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden), Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, the USA
- An International Baccalaureate in English. If the examination has been completed in a language other than English: English as the A1 language with an approved grade (a minimum grade of 2) OR English as the A2 language with a minimum grade of 5 OR English as the A language (literature/language and literature/language and performance) with an approved grade (a minimum grade of 2)
- A European Baccalaureate with English as the LI language with an approved grade (a minimum grade of 4) OR with English as the LII language with a minimum grade of 7
- A university degree (Bachelor's, Master's or polytechnic/university of applied science degree) completed in English in one of the EU/EEA countries or Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, or the USA
- Degree completed at a Finnish institution of higher education that includes foreign language studies in English as defined by the Government Decrees on University Degrees
- IELTS Academic (International English Language Testing System): 6.0, with a minimum score of 5.0 in all sections
- PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English): 58, with a minimum of 50 in all communicative skills -sections (listening, reading, speaking&writing)
- TOEFL PBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language, Paper Based Test): 550
- TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language, Internet Based Test): 79
- CAE (Certificate of Advanced English, Please note that only tests taken after 2005 will be accepted.): Pass levels A, B or C
- CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English, Please note that only tests taken after 2005 will be accepted.): Pass levels A, B, C or level C1 certificate
- The National Certificate of Language Proficiency: skills level 4 in the reading comprehension, writing and speaking subtests.
- University of Helsinki Language Services test: average skills level 4

Language requirements in Finnish

- Basic education, an upper secondary qualification or another qualification providing eligibility for higher education, completed in the Finnish language
- The mother tongue test (in Finnish) of the Finnish matriculation examination with a minimum grade of approbatur OR the Finnish as a second language test with a minimum grade of cum laude approbatur
- In the Reifeprüfung/Abiturprüfung qualification, an approved (a grade of 4) written test in Finnish OR an approved oral test in Finnish with a minimum grade of 8
- An International Baccalaureate with Finnish as the A1 language with an approved grade (a minimum grade of 2) OR Finnish as the A2 language with a minimum grade of 5 OR Finnish as the A language (literature/language and literature/language and performance) with an approved grade (a minimum grade of 2)

- A European Baccalaureate qualification with Finnish as the LI language with an approved grade (a grade of 4)
- A Finnish-language test or studies in Finnish completed as part of a higher education degree, demonstrating oral and written proficiency in Finnish (as a second national language) with a minimum grade of Good
- Studies in the Finnish language at an institution of higher education with a minimum scope of 35 credit units or 70 credits OR the grade of cum laude approbatur OR equivalent studies in an equivalent discipline, as verified in a certificate issued by the relevant institution
- A higher education degree completed in Finnish
- A higher education degree with the Finnish language (or an equivalent discipline) as the major subject
- A maturity test written in Finnish for a higher education degree
- Civil Service Language Proficiency Certificate: skills level good in oral and written examination
- National Certificate of Language Proficiency: skills level 4 in all sections
- University of Helsinki Language Services test: average skills level 4

Language requirements in Swedish

- Basic education, an upper secondary qualification or another qualification providing eligibility for higher education, completed in the Swedish language
- The mother tongue test (in Swedish) of the Finnish matriculation examination with a minimum grade of approbatur OR the Swedish as a second language test with a minimum grade of cum laude approbatur
- In the Reifeprüfung/Abiturprüfung qualification, an approved (a grade of 4) written test in Swedish OR an approved oral test in Swedish with a minimum grade of 8
- An International Baccalaureate with Swedish as the A1 language with an approved grade (a minimum grade of 2) OR Swedish as the A2 language with a minimum grade of 5 OR Swedish as the A language (literature/language and literature/language and performance) with an approved grade (a minimum grade of 2)
- A European Baccalaureate qualification with Swedish as the L1 language with an approved grade
- A Swedish-language test or studies in Swedish completed as part of a higher education degree, demonstrating oral and written proficiency in Swedish (as a second national language) with a minimum grade of Good
- Studies in Swedish at an institution of higher education with a minimum scope of 35 credit units or 70 credits OR the grade of cum laude approbatur OR equivalent studies in an equivalent discipline, as verified in a certificate issued by the relevant institution
- A higher education degree completed in Swedish
- A higher education degree with the Swedish language (or equivalent discipline) as the major subject
- A maturity test written in Swedish for a higher education degree
- TISUS (Test in Swedish for University Studies): passed
- National Certificate of Language Proficiency: skills level 4 in all sections
- Civil Service Language Proficiency Certificate: skills level good in oral and written examination
- University of Helsinki Language Services test: average skills level 4