

Language policy Amsterdam School of Music

The lessons at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam are in Dutch or English. Therefore every student at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam must have a passive as well as an active knowledge of the Dutch or English language. **Students who cannot speak and understand English (or Dutch), cannot be admitted to the Conservatorium of Amsterdam.**

In order to enrol as a student, candidates from non-EU countries and without English preliminary education who have passed their audition with a positive result, need, in addition to the other conditions, a TOEFL or IELTS certificate with a sufficient score. The minimum scores that are regarded as sufficient can be found below. The diplomas can be submitted:

* together with the other papers for the audition

* at the CvA Student Registrar Office, no later than August 31rd

Without a TOEFL or IELTS diploma, or without a sufficient score, the candidate cannot be enrolled as a student.

Minimum scores:

Minimum scores IELTS:

Admission to preliminary training: 5,0

Bachelor's Degree: 6,0

Postgraduate Course: 6,0

Minimum total score TOEFL*:

TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT): 64

TOEFL Computer-based test (CBT): 180

TOEFL Paper-based test (PBT): 507

NB: you are free to choose you test type, however, we recommend the iBT because it contains speaking.

*Specification of the TOEFL results per element and test type:

TOEFL Internet Based Test (iBT):

Element:	sufficient:	min/max:	please note:
1. Listening	14	0-30	Scores under 14 are not ok!
2. Writing	18	0-30	Lower score is ok if total is not less than 64
3. Reading	19	0-30	Lower score is ok if total is not less than 64

TOEFL Computer Based Test (CBT):

Element:	sufficient:	min/max:	please note:
1. Listening	15	0-30	Scores under 15 are not ok!
2. Structure/ Writing	18	0-30	Lower score is ok if total is not less than 180
3. Reading	20	0-30	Lower score is ok if total is not less than 180

The total score is calculated by using a multiple of the scores on the individual parts of the test, and can range from 0 to 300: (Score 1 + score 2 + score 3) x 10 : 3 = total score.

TOEFL Paper Based Test (PBT):

Element :	sufficient:	min/max:	please note:
1. Listening	49	31-68	Scores under 15 are not ok!
2. Writing	50	31-68	Lower score is ok if total is not less than 507
3. Reading	53	31-67	Lower score is ok if total is not less than 507