English Language Competence Directives

Please note that this document is a translation of the French text of the Directives from the Rector’s Office, dating from 5 December 2016, concerning the proof of sufficient language skills for an admission at Fribourg University for the academic year 2017/2018. Only the French and German texts are to be considered as binding.

Art. 6. Are considered as including sufficient English language skills at an upper secondary school level or at a university:

a) Foreign upper secondary school diplomas from a signatory state of the Lisbon Convention (Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region no. 165/1997), as long as English was studied continuously during four years at an upper secondary level;

b) Foreign upper secondary school diplomas obtained at the end of studies, of which at least half were followed in English and approximately half of the final exams were taken in English;

c) 90 ECTS credits obtained at a university recognized by Fribourg University, in an academic study programme, of which the official language is English.

III. Recognized Language certificates (Annex)

Art. 7. Are considered as proof of sufficient language skills in English, the diplomas listed in the annex III.

Annex III – Valid for the academic year 2017/2018

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The following certificates are recognized as proof of sufficient language skills in English:

- International English Language Testing System Academic (IELTS Academic)
  Overall grade of 6.5 with a minimum of 6 in each of the subtests.
  Scores valid for two years.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
  PBT Paper-based version: Score of 570-580
  iBT Internet-based version: Score of 93-103 with a minimum of 22 in each of the subtests.
  Score reports sent directly by the applicant will not be accepted.
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic
  Score of 65-75 with a minimum of 62 in each subtest
- Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)
  by Cambridge Michigan Language Assessments
  Score of 85-90 with a minimum of 61 in each subtest (speaking test must be included)
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English
  Pass at grade C
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English
  Pass at grade A
- Cambridge Business English Certificate (BEC) Higher
  Pass at grade A
- Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC):
  Listening 470, Reading 490, Speaking 185, Writing 185