

Çankaya University Department of Foreign Languages
Proficiency Exam, Exemption Conditions, and International Language
Exam Equivalency Tables

Important Notes:

- 1. Proficiency Exam:** An exam administered by the English Preparatory Program at the beginning of the Fall Semester and at the end of the Fall Semester, Spring Semester, and Summer School. This exam is administered to students enrolled in English-medium programs and evaluates their English proficiency. Students who achieve scores equivalent to the ranges shown in Table 1 from this Proficiency Exam or from international exams are exempt from preparatory education (see Table 1). Students who achieve scores equivalent to the ranges shown in Table 2 may also be exempt from the mandatory ENG 121 and ENG 122 courses offered by the Department of Foreign Languages (see Table 2).
- 2. Exemption Exam:** An exam administered by the Modern Languages Unit at the beginning of the Fall Semester for students in Turkish-medium Faculties, Departments, or the Vocational School of Justice (AMYO) for the mandatory courses YBD 109, ENG 109, ENG 110, YBD 209, ENG 209, ENG 210, ING 101, and ING 102 (see Table 3).
- 3.** In accordance with Article 6, Paragraph 2, Clause (d) of the Directive on Determining Foreign Language Exam Equivalencies, for an international foreign language exam to be recognized and maintained as equivalent, if the exam is administered in Turkey, it must be conducted in state universities.
- 4.** Results from the TOEFL iBT Home Edition are not accepted.
- 5.** The validity period for the exam results listed below is determined by considering the International Foreign Language Exam Equivalencies Document published by ÖSYM (Student Selection and Placement Center) and relevant exam documentation.

Table 1: Equivalency Table for International Exams that can be used for Exemption from the English Preparatory Program

CUPS Proficiency Exam	TOEFL IBT¹ (highest score: 120)	PTE Academic² (highest score: 90)	CAE³ (highest score: A/210)	CPE³ (highest score: A/230)
91-100	95 and above	76 and above	Grade B (191-200)	Grade C (200-210)
81-90	86-95	71-75	Grade C (180-190)	
75-80	83-85	68-70		
71-74	81-82	66-67		
60-70	72-80	59-65		

Table 2: Equivalency Table for Exemption from Mandatory English Courses (ENG 121-122) offered by the Department of Foreign Languages for students in English-medium programs

CUPS Proficiency Exam	TOEFL iBT ¹ (highest score: 120)	PTE Academic ² (highest score: 90)	CAE ³ (highest score: A/210)	CPE ³ (highest score: A/230)	ENG 121 Passing Grade	ENG 122 Passing Grade
91-100	95 and above	76 and above	Grade B (191-200)	Grade C (200-210)	AA	AA
86-90	91-95	73-75	Grade C (186-190)		BA	BA
80-85	86-90	70-72	Grade C (180-185)		BB	BB
75-79	80-85	65-69			CB	CB

Table 3: Equivalency Table for Exemption from Mandatory English Courses (YBD 109 / ENG 109-110, YBD 209 / ENG 209-210 / ING 101, ING 102) Offered by the Department of Foreign Languages for Students in Turkish-Medium Programs

Exemption Exam Grade	YBD 109 ENG 109-110 ING 101 Passing Grade	YBD 209 ENG 209-210 ING 102 Passing Grade
91-100	Exemption Exam Grade* (AA)**	Exemption Exam Grade (AA)
86-90	Exemption Exam Grade (AA)	Exemption Exam Grade (BA)
80-85	Exemption Exam Grade (BA)	Exemption Exam Grade (BB)
70-79	Exemption Exam Grade (BB)	

Notes:

* Exemption Exam scores apply to Faculty of Law students.

** Letter grades apply to students from the Vocational School of Justice (AMYÖ) and the Department of Public Relations and Advertising.

For the courses shown in Table 3, students who present valid documentation showing scores from internationally recognized exams accepted by the University (TOEFL iBT, PTE, CAE, CPE) will have their exemption and achievement status evaluated by the Modern Languages Unit in accordance with the CEFR and ÖSYM foreign language exam equivalency table.

Footnotes:

¹ TOEFL iBT (Internet-Based Test): The CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference) equivalents for TOEFL iBT exam scores are indicated in the table below. For source, see: <https://www.ets.org/toefl/score-users/scores-admissions/compare>

CEFR Level	TOEFL Score (0-120)
C1 and above	95 and above
B2	72
B1	42
A2	N/A

² PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English Academic): The CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference) equivalents for PTE Academic exam scores are indicated in the table below. For source, see:

https://www.pearson.com.hk/en_GB/qualifications/pte/pte-general/test-information.html

CEFR Level	PTE Score (0-90)
C1 and above	76 and above
B2	59
B1	43
A2	30

³ CAE (Cambridge Advanced English) / CPE (Cambridge Proficiency in English): The CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference) equivalents for Cambridge Language Exams (CAE, CPE) scores are indicated in the table below. For source, see: <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/cambridge-english-scale/>

CEFR Level	CAE Score (180-210)	CPE Score (200-230)
C1	191-200 (Grade B)	200-210 (Grade C)
B2	180-190 (Grade C)	
B1		
A2		

Abbreviations:

- **TOEFL:** Test of English as a Foreign Language (Institution: ETS)
- **PTE:** Pearson Test of English Academic (Institution: Pearson)
- **CAE:** Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (Institution: Cambridge)
- **CPE:** Certificate of Proficiency in English (Institution: Cambridge)

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