

Direct Application to Savonia UAS, studies starting in autumn 2026

The proof of English language skills must be ready when you apply in the Direct Application. It is not possible to apply if you have not yet completed the language test or the degree, or you have not yet received the result or certificate.

English language skills can be proved by the following documents:

1. English language test results:

- IELTS Academic*: a minimum total score of 6.0 (Test sections: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking)
- TOEFL Academic (iBT)*, ***: a minimum total score of 60 (Test sections: Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing)
- PTE Academic*: a minimum total score of 55 (Test sections: Speaking and Writing, Reading, and Listening)
- Cambridge English Scale Score: a minimum total score of 169 (Test sections: Reading and Use of English, Writing, Listening, and Speaking)
- TELC (The European Language Certificate) English B2-C1 university qualification, completed on or after 1 October 2021: minimum of B2 level (Test sections: Listening/Reading/Language Elements, Writing and Speaking)
- Oxford ELLT Global*: (English Language Level Test), completed on or after 1 July 2023: a minimum total score of 6.0 (Test sections: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking)

2. National Certificate of Language Proficiency (YKI) English: Grade 4 or higher on all the subtests (speaking, listening comprehension, writing, and reading comprehension)

3. Higher education degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States, or a doctoral thesis completed in English in any country. Please note that your degree must be taught and assessed entirely in English**.

- Degrees from international schools or institutions located outside the listed countries, where the degree is completed locally but awarded by an institution from another country, do not qualify.

4. Upper secondary degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States. Please note that your degree must be taught and assessed entirely in English**.

- The degree must also be a qualification that provides eligibility for higher education in the country in which it was awarded.
- Degrees from international schools or institutions located outside the listed countries, where the degree is completed locally but awarded by an institution from another country, do not qualify.

5. One of the following grades in the Finnish Matriculation Examination, European Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate, or Reifeprüfung/DIA completed in Finland:

- Finnish Matriculation Examination: English advanced syllabus with a minimum grade C
- The whole International Baccalaureate diploma or International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) completed in English
- DP Course Results or IB certificate or IB Final Report completed in English
- International Baccalaureate final examination: English A HL/SL or English B HL/SL with a minimum grade 4
- European Baccalaureate: at least grade 6.00 in L2-level English
- Reifeprüfung/DIA diploma (completed in Finland): at least grade 7 in advanced English

* IELTS Academic UKVI, IELTS Online, PTE Academic Online, PTE Academic UKVI and TOEFL iBT Home Edition and Oxford ELLT Digital are also accepted.

The language of instruction must be clearly stated on official documents (also in cases where the official language of the degree awarding country is English**). You can also document this by submitting a certificate/letter from your university / educational institution in addition to your official study documentation. If the applicant's degree includes courses conducted in a language other than English, the degree might not meet the requirement.

***If you have taken the TOEFL test on or after 21 January 2026, a minimum total score of 3.5 is required.

There are no expiration dates, but the language test results must be verifiable from the online verification service of the organizer until 31 May 2026. The TOEFL test cannot be verified after two years. The IELTS test cannot be verified after three years. If the test scores can no longer be verified, the test is not valid. The applicant should make sure that the test results are not too old. If the applicant is unsure and the test results are more than 2 years old, it is advised to retake the test.