



LANGUAGE GUIDE

RITCS

Royal Institute for Theatre, Cinema & Sound



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## STUDYING AT THE RITCS: THE LANGUAGE GUIDE

So, you've passed the admission test and want to start your education at the RITCS I School of arts. Before you start we would like to give you some information about our language policy.

All students who wish to register to study in Dutch at the RITCS School of arts must demonstrate a sufficient command of Dutch. They can do so by meeting criteria such as:

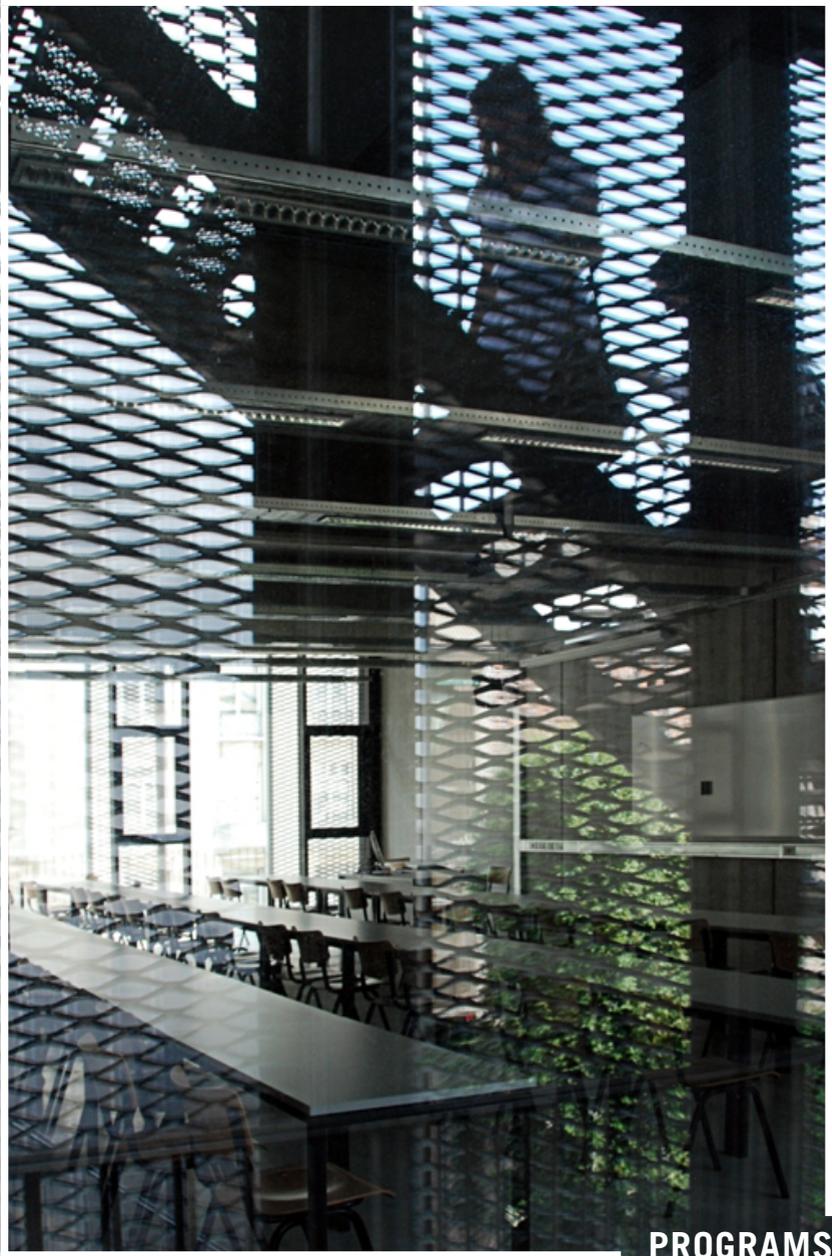
- they have a diploma of secondary or higher education where Dutch was the language of instruction
- they have successfully completed programme units in higher education with a minimum total of 54 study credits where Dutch was the language of instruction

If you are not in the possession of a certificate as stated above, you can still start your education at the RITCS. In that case, you'll have to obtain a certificate that demonstrates your level of Dutch. There are two programs you can follow to obtain the necessary certificates: the B2-Dutch program or the survival language program.

The **B2-Dutch program** is designed for students that have an adequate knowledge of Dutch but are not able to present the necessary level with a certificate. Those students will be advised to pass a test that acknowledges their level.

The **survival program** is designed for students who master a minimum of Dutch but can make themselves comprehensible in English. These students will be advised to obtain a minimum degree in Dutch and a B2 certificate in English.

On the following pages, you can find a step-by-step guide on how to obtain the right certificates.



**PROGRAMS**

## THE B2-Dutch program

In this program, you'll focus on obtaining a CEFR B2 certificate in Dutch. The Common European Framework of Reference or CEFR was developed by the Council of Europe. The CEFR was designed to provide a transparent, coherent and comprehensive basis for the elaboration of language syllabuses and curriculum guidelines, the design of teaching and learning materials, and the assessment of foreign language proficiency. The CEFR describes foreign language proficiency at 6 levels: A1 and A2, B1 and B2, C1 and C2.

We believe that the B2 level is the minimum level you should obtain if you want to participate in a program at the RITCS School of arts. This B2 level of Dutch can be determined by an official institute that will provide you a certificate if you passed the language-test.

### **STEP 1: DETERMINE YOUR LEVEL**

If you are not sure about your level of Dutch, you can take a test that will determine your language level. This test must be done by an official institute. In this case, we would recommend you to make an appointment with the Brussels Education Center. For more information, please [check their website](#) and make an appointment.

### **STEP 2: OBTAIN A B2- DUTCH CERTIFICATE**

After taking the test at the Brussels Education Center, you now have an idea of your level in Dutch. If your level is B2 or higher, you now must obtain an official B2 certificate. Therefore you should pass the proficiency test Dutch (ITNA) level B2. The 'Interuniversitaire Taaltest Nederlands voor Anderstaligen' is developed and administered by all members of the Interuniversity Testing Consortium (IUTC):

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Ghent University, KU Leuven, University of Antwerp and Vrije  
Universiteit Brussel and allows you to obtain a B2 certificate.  
These tests take place in Brussels, Ghent, Antwerp and  
Leuven. Learn about the different data and institutes [here](#).

***STEP 3: DELIVER YOUR CERTIFICATE***

If you passed the ITNA-test level B2 you can start at the  
RITCS, but don't forget to deliver your certificate to the  
student administration. You can find them on the 2nd floor  
of the RITCS School of arts, campus Dansaert.

## THE SURVIVAL PROGRAM

Art speaks many languages. Even though we consider the B2 level Dutch to be the minimum level to succeed at the RITCS, we believe students can also start their education with a basic knowledge of Dutch, being level B1. During the first semester, you will take intensive courses Dutch to obtain this basic B1 level. On top of this however, the student must master the English language in order to make himself comprehensible for the time being.

So, in this program we'll focus on obtaining a CEFR B1-certificate in Dutch and a B2-certificate in English. The Common European Framework of Reference or CEFR was developed by the Council of Europe. The CEFR was designed to provide a transparent, coherent and comprehensive basis for the elaboration of language syllabuses and curriculum guidelines, the design of teaching and learning materials, and the assessment of foreign language proficiency. The CEFR describes foreign language proficiency at 6 levels: A1 and A2, B1 and B2, C1 and C2.

### **STEP 1: DETERMINE YOUR LEVEL**

If you are not sure about your level of Dutch and English, you can take tests that will determine your language-level in both. This test must be done by an official institute. In this case, we would recommend you to make an appointment with the Brussels Education Center. They will be able to determine your level. For more information, [please check their website](#) and make an appointment.

### **STEP 2: OBTAIN THE B2 CERTIFICATE ENGLISH**

After taking the test at the Brussels Education Center, you now have an idea of your level in Dutch and English. If your Dutch level is below B2, we advise you to first obtain a B2

certificate English as this is necessary to start your program at the RITCS. So, if your English level is B2 or higher, you now have to obtain an official B2 (or higher) certificate English by doing a ITACE-test. The Interuniversity Test of Academic English (ITACE) is a language proficiency test for academic English. The ITACE for Students is developed and administered by all members of the Interuniversity Testing Consortium (IUTC): Ghent University, KU Leuven, University of Antwerp and Vrije Universiteit Brussel. The test scores are linked to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), allowing participants to obtain a B1, B2, C1 or C2 certificate.

These tests are organized at regular times.

Please check [the website of My VUB](#) for more information. When in doubt you can also contact [acto@vub.ac.be](mailto:acto@vub.ac.be)

### ***STEP 3: DELIVER YOUR B2 CERTIFICATE***

If you passed the ITACE-test and have obtained a B2 level English, please deliver this certificate to the student administration. This level of English allows you to start at the RITCS School of arts but does not guarantee you to continue your study or to graduate at the RITCS. Therefore you have to obtain a B1 level Dutch during the first semester.

### ***STEP 4: OBTAINING A B1 CERTIFICATE DUTCH***

So, after obtaining your certificate in English the final step is to obtain a B1 certificate in Dutch. First you need to take part in a crash course Dutch. At the end of the course, you can pass a B1 test, allowing you to obtain the necessary certificate. To follow this course, make an appointment with the Brussels Education Center. Please [check their website](#) for more information.

**Important:** if you are not able to present the B1 certificate Dutch by the end of the first semester, it is possible that you may not continue your study at the RITCS School of arts.



**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**



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