Rules and Regulations for Colloquium Doctum
University Entrance Examination 2013-2014

School of Humanities

Effective as of 1 September 2012

Admission Test for the following programs:

The Culture Studies Bachelor's program
The Communication and Information Sciences Bachelor’s program
The Liberal Arts and Sciences Bachelor’s program
The Religion in Society and Culture Bachelor's program
The Philosophy Bachelor's program
Article 1  General

1.1 The Colloquium Doctum is an admission test to assess candidates' (prospective students') general knowledge and their aptitude for pursuing a university education. It is intended to find out if outside of the regular school-system of formal education candidates have acquired sufficient general knowledge and/or enough knowledge and insight to take up a course of study at a university with a fair chance of success. The test provides an indication for the candidate as well as the faculty that the efforts intended will not be fruitless.

1.2 The Colloquium Doctum may contain oral as well as written components.

1.3 The entrance test in principle has to be taken before the start of the academic year and only provides admission to the academic year immediately subsequent to the one in which the exam is taken.

1.4 The Colloquium Doctum that is administered provides admission only to the program for which it is set and does not provide admission to any other program offered by Tilburg University.

1.5 The entrance test is administered by the Colloquium Doctum Board of the School of Humanities, consisting of members of the scientific staff, in consultation with (if so desired) the Academic Advisor.

1.6 The Rules and Regulations for Colloquium Doctum apply to the entrance examination for the following Bachelor's programs: Culture Studies (Du: ACW), Communication and Information Sciences (Du: CIW), Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS), Religion in Society and Culture (RSC) and Philosophy (Du: Wb), hereinafter called: the (Bachelor's) program(s). The programs are offered by the School of Humanities of Tilburg University, hereinafter called: the faculty.

1.7 The Rules and Regulations for Colloquium Doctum are based on the corresponding article in Section 7 of the Teaching and Assessment Regulations of the program. The Rules and Regulations of the program likewise apply.

Article 2  Target group

2.1 The Colloquium Doctum is intended for persons over 21 years of age who want to take up a university Bachelor's program without possessing a Dutch VWO certificate (certificate of pre-university education), an HBO certificate (certificate of Higher Professional Education), or a university or HBO propaedeutic certificate (proof of successful completion of the first year of a university or Higher Professional Education Bachelor's program), or without possessing an equivalent qualification obtained from a foreign Institution of
upper secondary or higher education.

2.2 Candidates are eligible only for a Colloquium Doctum exam if they are over the age of 21 (i.e., 21 or older) at the moment they intend to start on the Bachelor’s program of their choice.

**Article 3 Application procedure**

3.1 Candidates who want to be eligible for a Colloquium Doctum exam need to apply for this in writing by filing a written request.

3.2 The request for admission to the Colloquium Doctum is to be directed at the Executive Board, to the attention of the chairperson of the Colloquium Doctum Board. The following documents need to be enclosed with the request:
- A completed and signed application form Entrance Exam Colloquium Doctum;
- A copy of one’s birth certificate or certificate of residence;
- A photocopy of one’s valid passport or identification card;
- Photocopies of the relevant diplomas/certificates with the accompanying transcript of final grades;
- An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae or résumé, including at least the following elements: previous studies/courses and the results scored in/on them; the positions one has worked in/jobs one has held;
- A short motivation specifying why one feels attracted to the program offered by Tilburg University.

3.3 The regular start of Bachelor’s programs is in September. Candidates who want to qualify for starting on a Bachelor’s program in September, need to file their request for admission to the Colloquium Doctum test at the latest on 1 May of the year in which they want to start on the program in September.

3.4 The chairperson of the Colloquium Doctum Board investigates if the request is in accordance with legal provisions. Within two weeks of receipt of the request, candidates are invited for an exploratory interview with the chairperson (if applicable). On the basis of this interview and possibly in consultation with the Academic Advisor, the Board decides whether and if so in which subjects the Colloquium Doctum will be administered. This includes the possibility of the Board awarding exemptions. (see Chapter 4).

3.5 Within three weeks after the interview(s) has/have taken place, candidates are either informed that there are no further requirements for admission to the Bachelor’s program, or they receive a letter specifying the components of the Colloquium Doctum exam. The letter also specifies the date(s) and the location(s) for the test(s), and the names of the examiners.

3.6 If there are no additional requirements, candidates receive an official decision from the Executive Board of Tilburg University that they have been admitted to the Bachelor’s program. Candidates need this document for the admission
procedure adhered to by the Centraal Bureau Aanmelding en Plaatsing (CBAP) in Groningen (central Dutch administrative agency for university enrollment).

3.7 In certain cases, such as an exceptionally low level of education for instance, the chairperson may advise against taking the Colloquium Doctum exam.

3.8 All candidates have the right to an interview (a talk) with the examiner prior to the test of the Colloquium Doctum that the examiner is to administer.

Article 4 Exemptions

If candidates are in possession of a VWO modular certificate (indicating that the VWO exam for that particular subject was passed), or can otherwise prove they have the required prior knowledge, no additional requirements will be set for the subject in question in the Colloquium Doctum test.

Article 5 Testing procedure

If at all possible, the components of the Colloquium Doctum test are all administered within the same week.

Article 6 Criteria for passing the Colloquium

To be admitted to the Bachelor’s program, all the components of the Colloquium Doctum test have to be passed (with a minimum score of 6 out of 10) (cf. Rules and Regulations).

Article 7 Results and Resit possibilities

7.1 The tests comprising the Colloquium Doctum are to be taken within a year after written notification as specified in article 3.5 has been given by the Board.

7.2 Within three weeks after candidates have taken the Colloquium Doctum, the Board informs them in writing about the results of the test.

7.3 If candidates fail a test, they have the opportunity to resit that test. They have to avail themselves of this opportunity within the year after the written notification specified above.

7.4 Applications for resitting a test need to be filed with the chairperson of the Colloquium Doctum Board at the latest one month before the one-year period specified above has expired.
7.5 Those who have failed the resit(s) need to file a new request (i.e., start the entire process of applying for a Colloquium Doctum from scratch) according to the procedure described above.

Article 8 Decision

8.1 The Colloquium Doctum Board puts their decision before the Executive Board, after which the candidate in question receives from the Executive Board a positive or negative decision regarding admission to the Bachelor’s program.

8.2 The positive decision is equivalent to admission for the CBAP in Groningen.

8.3 The Executive Board sends the decision regarding admission to the candidate and to the faculty.

Article 9 Appeals against the decision

Candidates can lodge an appeal against a negative decision or against the procedure followed, according to the rules applying to such appeals, with the Board of Appeals for Exams of Tilburg University.
Content of the Colloquium Doctum for the program:
- Communication and Information Sciences Bachelor’s program

Components of the Colloquium Doctum

The Colloquium Doctum in principle comprises the following components:
- Dutch
- English
- Mathematics

The level required for Dutch and English is 6-VWO, for Mathematics it is 4-VWO or 5-HAVO.¹

The requirements for Dutch

Writing a summary of a Dutch expository text of approximately 2000 words on an arbitrary topic, of a certain intellectual level taken from a quality newspaper. The summary of approximately 500 words must be followed by a personal comment of approximately 250 words.

The test is a written test.
The test is conducted in Dutch.
The time allotted for the test is 2 hours.
Candidates are not allowed to use additional aids.

The requirements for English

The requirements for English can be met by presenting a certificate (testifying to successful completion) of one of the following English proficiency tests. Candidates are themselves responsible for planning the tests with the relevant institutions and for payment of the costs involved in taking the tests.
The certificate must have been obtained on or after 1 September 2011, and is to be submitted to the Colloquium Doctum Board on 15 May 2013 at the latest.

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):
  [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)
  a minimum score of 550 on the ‘paper-based version’,
or
  a minimum score of 213 on the ‘computer-based version’,
or

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a minimum score van 80 on the ‘Internet-based version’.
The TOEFL Institutional code for Tilburg University is 9860.

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): www.ielts.org
  a minimum score of 5.5 on all separate components
  and
  an average score of at least 6.0

- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)
  http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/cae.html

- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)
  http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/cpe.html

The requirements for Mathematics

Solving a number of mathematical problems after having studied the first ten chapters of the following book:
  W.F. van Raaij: Geprogrammeerde instructie moderne wiskunde. 3e druk.
  The book is intended for independent study.

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The test is conducted in Dutch.
The time allotted for the test is 2 hours.
Candidates are not allowed to use additional aids.
Content of the Colloquium Doctum for the program:
- Liberal Arts and Sciences

Components of the Colloquium Doctum

The Colloquium Doctum in principle comprises the following components:
- English
- Mathematics
- History
- Economics

The level of the Colloquium Doctum required for English, History, Economics, and Mathematics is 6-VVO. ²

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The requirements for Mathematics

Solving a number of mathematical problems after having studied the following book:
  Kaper, B. and Hamers. H.: Mathematics with Applications in micro economics.
  Academic Service. ISBN 9789052613703
  - Chapter 1, completely.
  - Chapter 2, Sections 2.1 and 2.2.
  - Chapter 3, Sections 3.1, 3.2.
  - Appendix A.

The test is a written test.
The test is conducted in English.
The time allotted for the test is 2 hours.
Candidates are not allowed to use additional aids.

The requirements for History

An oral test on Greek and Roman Antiquity and on the History of Christianity up to the year 1200. Suggestion for literature that can be studied in preparation for this test:

The test is an oral test.
The test is conducted in English.
The time allotted for the test is 1 hour.
Candidates are not allowed to use additional aids.

The requirements for Economics

An oral test on the following book:

The test is an oral test.
The test is conducted in English.
The time allotted for the test is 1 hour.
Candidates are not allowed to use additional aids.
Content of the Colloquium Doctum for the programs:  
- Culture Studies Bachelor’s program  
- Religion in Society and Culture Bachelor’s program

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**The requirements for History**

Candidates should have an overall knowledge of history from 1815 to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. They should have a more detailed knowledge of the period after the First World War. To familiarize themselves with this knowledge candidates can use a number of school textbooks at 4/5 HAVO and/or 5/6 VWO level that deal with the periods mentioned above. In practice, this will mean consulting a partial combination of textbooks and/or reference works.

Two works that are quite useful in this respect are:

Candidates will be asked to provide a well-argued division into periods, to characterize particular periods or national and international developments (in particular the two World Wars), and to outline major currents, movements and systems.

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Components of the Colloquium Doctum

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- Dutch
- English
- French or German
- Mathematics

The level of the Colloquium Doctum required for Dutch, English, French, German, and Mathematics is 6-VWO. 4

The requirements for Dutch

A written test for Dutch in the form of a composition or an interpretation of a text.

Works from which texts may be taken:

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The requirements for French and German

A written or oral translation of an introductory French or German text of 1000 words (maximum) on a topic from the humanities.

Works from which text may be taken:

For German:
- Moses Mendelssohn, Augewählte werke, Band II, Schriften in Aufklärung und Judentum 1770-1786, Herausgegeben und eingeleitet von Christoph Schulte, Andreas Kennecke und Grazyna Jurewicz

For French:

The test is an oral or written test.
The test is conducted in French resp. German.
The time allotted for the test is 2 hours.
Candidates are allowed to use dictionaries.

The requirements for Mathematics

Solving a number of problems about set theory after having studied the reader provided by the Colloquium Doctum Board. The reader is based on:

Jan van de Craats & Rob Bosch: Basisboek Wiskunde, 2e editie.
- Chapters 8, 9, 10,11, 18, 20 and 21

The test is a written test.
The test is conducted in Dutch.
The duration of the test is 1 hour and 30 minutes.
Candidates are not allowed to use additional aids.