Colloquium Doctum Regulations
University entrance examination for enrollment in the academic year 2024-2025

Tilburg School of Humanities and Digital Sciences

These Regulations enter in force on
September 1, 2023

Admission test for the following programs:

Bachelor's program in Online Culture: Art, Media and Society
Bachelor's program in Communication and Information Sciences
Bachelor's program in Philosophy

PART 1

Article 1   General

1.1   The *Colloquium Doctum* is an admission test that assesses the general education and eligibility for attending a university education. It is intended to determine whether, other than by means of a regular school education, the candidate has acquired sufficient general education and/or sufficient knowledge and insight that is acquired to be able to participate in university studies with a reasonable chance of success. It is an indication both to the candidate and to the School that the intended effort will not be fruitless.

1.2   The Colloquium Doctum Regulations apply to admission testing for the Bachelor's programs in Online Culture (OC), Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), and Philosophy (PHIL). These programs are provided by the Tilburg University School of Humanities and Digital Sciences, hereinafter referred to as the School.

1.3   The admission test will be carried out by the School's Colloquium Doctum Committee, consisting of members of the academic staff, if desired in consultation with the academic counselor.

1.4   Candidates are only admitted to the Bachelor's program for which they have taken the *Colloquium Doctum* and are not admissible to other programs offered by Tilburg University.

1.5   The Colloquium Doctum Regulations are a further elaboration of the relevant paragraph in Article 7 in the Education and Examination Regulations of the program. The Rules and Guidelines of the program apply accordingly.

Article 2 Target group

The *Colloquium Doctum* is intended for persons of 21 years and older who want to start a university Bachelor's program without possessing a pre-university diploma (*VWO*), a university of applied sciences diploma (*HBO)*, a university or university of applied sciences propaedeutic certificate, or of an equivalent diploma obtained at a foreign institution for secondary or higher education.

Article 3 Application procedure

3.1   Candidates who wish to be considered for a *Colloquium Doctum* must submit a written request by e-mail with the 'Application Form for Entrance to the Examination for Colloquium Doctum'.

3.2 This completed and signed application form must be e-mailed to the Executive Board for the attention of the Chair of the Colloquium Doctum Committee. The following documents should be attached:
- a copy of a valid passport or identity card. All first names should be listed, if that is not the case, an extract from the register of birth or a copy of the birth certificate should be added;
- a current curriculum vitae or biography, in which at least the following are mentioned: the previous education/study programs; the results obtained; the positions in which the candidate works or has worked;
- a brief statement of reasons of why the candidate is attracted to the chosen Tilburg University program.
- copies of the diplomas or certificates obtained and of the accompanying grade lists;
- English language proficiency test (see article 4.2).

3.3 The Chair of the Colloquium Doctum Committee examines whether the request complies with the (legal) provisions. The Chair of the Colloquium Doctum Committee may invite the candidate for an exploratory interview.

<u>Deadline for enrollment in the Bachelor's programs in Online Culture, Communication and Information Sciences, and Philosophy:</u>

3.4 The Bachelor's programs in Online Culture, Communication and Information Sciences, and Philosophy start in September. Candidates who wish to be considered for admission to these Bachelor's programs must apply no later than May 1 of each year to be admitted to the academic year starting in the following September.

Article 4   Form of the admission test

4.1 The Colloquium Doctum Committee itself does not administer tests for the Bachelor's programs in Online Culture, Communication and Information Sciences, and Philosophy, nor does it provide courses to prepare for the tests.

4.2 The possession of the knowledge and skills, with the exception of English, can be demonstrated by obtaining a sub-certificate at pre-university examination level (*VWO-eindexamenniveau*). To this end, the candidate must pass a state examination via the Education Executive Agency (*DUO*).

4.3 Proof of proficiency in English may be by submitting a certificate of one of the following English proficiency tests:
- Academic IELTS with a minimum overall score of 6.0 and a minimum score of 5.5 for each section.
- TOEFL iBT with a minimum score of 80 for the traditional TOEFL iBT test at a test center or the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition.

- Cambridge English test results: C1 advanced (formerly CAE) or C2 proficiency (formerly CPE). For both C1 and C2, we accept a score of A, B, or C.

Please note:
- The certificates must not be older than two years at the time of application.
- All English tests must be taken at an authorized exam center, Tilburg University does not accept online versions of tests like IELTS Online.
- Tilburg University does not accept a combination of test results on different test dates, e.g., TOEFL's 'My Best Scores'.

More information about the required tests can be found in the relevant program in PART 2 of these Regulations.

Article 5 Decision

5.1 The Colloquium Doctum Committee submits the decision to the Executive Board, after which the person concerned receives a negative or positive decision from the Executive Board regarding admission to the Bachelor's program.

5.2 The Executive Board sends the admission decision to the candidate and to the School.

Article 6 Appeal

An appeal against a negative decision or the procedure followed may be lodged with the Tilburg Universitiy Objections and Appeals Advisory Committee (CABB) in accordance with the applicable rules.

PART 2

Contents of the *Colloquium Doctum* for: the Bachelor's program in Online Culture: Art, Media and Society

The admission test of the Bachelor's program in Online Culture consists, in principle, of the following components:

- Submission of a modular certificate at pre-university examination level (by taking a state examination) with regard to the following examination subjects:
  - Dutch;
  - Mathematics A, B, or C;
  - History;
- Obtaining a certificate of one of the English proficiency tests mentioned below.

State examinations on Dutch, Mathematics A or B or C, and History

The possession of the knowledge and skills with regard to Dutch, Mathematics A or B or C, and History can be demonstrated by taking the state examination and obtaining a certificate at pre-university examination level. To this end, the candidate must take a state examination via the Education Executive Agency (*DUO*). The candidate is responsible for planning the test with the institute in question and for paying the costs of taking the test.

Test on English

Proof of proficiency in English may be submitted by a certificate of one of the tests of English proficiency mentioned in article 4.3. The candidate is responsible for planning the test with the institute in question and for paying the costs of taking the test. The certificate must not be older than two years at the time of application.

| Contents of the *Colloquium Doctum* for: |
| The Bachelor's program in Communication and Information Sciences |

The admission test of the Bachelor's program in Communication and Information Sciences consists, in principle, of the following components:

- Submission of a modular certificate at pre-university examination level (by taking a state examination) with regard to the following examination subjects:
  - Dutch;
  - Mathematics A, B or C;
- Obtaining a certificate of one of the English language proficiency tests.

State examinations on Dutch and Mathematics A or B or C

The possession of the knowledge and skills with regard to Dutch and Mathematics A or B or C can be demonstrated by taking the state examination and obtaining a certificate at pre-university examination level. To this end, the candidate must take a state examination via the Education Executive Agency (*DUO*). The candidate is responsible for planning the test with the institute in question and for paying the costs of taking the test.

Test on English

Proof of proficiency in English may be submitted by a certificate of one of the English proficiency tests mentioned in article 4.3. The candidate is responsible for planning the test with the institute in question and for paying the costs of taking the test. The certificate must not be older than two years at the time of application.

Contents of the *Colloquium Doctum* for:
The Bachelor's program in Philosophy

In principle, the admission test of the Bachelor's program in Philosophy consists of the following components:

- Submission of a modular certificate at pre-university examination level (by taking a state examination) with regard to the following examination subjects:
  - Philosophy;
  - Dutch;
  - Mathematics A, B or C;
- Obtaining a certificate of one of the English language proficiency tests.

State examinations on Philosophy, Dutch, and Mathematics A or B or C

The possession of the knowledge and skills with regards to Philosophy, Dutch, and Mathematics A or B or C can be demonstrated by taking the state examination and obtaining a certificate at pre-university examination level. To this end, the candidate must take a state examination via the Education Executive Agency (*DUO*). The candidate is responsible for planning the test with the institute in question and for paying the costs of taking the test.

Test on English

Proof of proficiency in English may be submitted by a certificate of one of the English proficiency tests mentioned in article 4.3. The candidate is responsible for planning the test with the institute in question and for paying the costs of taking the test. The certificate must not be older than two years at the time of application.