

**Conditions for admission to study
at the Faculty of Arts, University of Ostrava
in the degree programme *English Philology and Philosophy. International Program*
for the academic year 2025/2026**

In accordance with Sections 48 and 49 of Act no. 111/1998 Sb. on higher education and on amendments and additions to other acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended, and in accordance with Article 31, Paragraph 4 of the Statute of the University of Ostrava, and in accordance with Article 26, Paragraph 2 of the Statute of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ostrava, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ostrava announces the conditions for admission to study in the Bachelor's, consecutive (follow-on) Master's and doctoral degree programme ***English Philology*** and ***Philosophy. International Program*** for the academic year 2025/2026:

Article 1

Degree programmes on offer

1. Within the admissions procedures for the academic year 2025/2026, the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ostrava offers degree programmes accredited in a foreign language (the English language):

Type of degree programme	Programme name	Form of studies	Standard duration of studies
Bachelor's	<i>English Philology</i>	full-time	3 years
consecutive (follow-on) Master's	<i>English Philology</i>	full-time	2 years
doctoral	<i>English Philology</i>	full-time, part-time	4 years
doctoral	<i>Philosophy. International Program</i>	full-time, part-time	4 years

2. Students studying in a degree programme accredited in a foreign language pay a tuition fee of 65 000 CZK per academic year.

Article 2

Applications to study

1. Applications to study may only be submitted in electronic form (as e-applications).
2. The deadline for submission of applications to study is **15 May 2025**.
3. The administrative fee for the admissions procedure is **3 000 CZK** (three thousand Czech crowns). This fee must be paid to bank account no. 931761/0710, payment reference number (i.e. "variabilní symbol") 251011, payment type number (i.e. "specifický symbol") = the code number identifying the degree subject (i.e. "oborové číslo"; this code number is generated for the applicant when submitting the e-application). IBAN: CZ65 0710 0000 0000 0093 1761, SWIFT: CNBACZPP. We recommend payment by bank card.

4. The admissions procedure commences once the e-application has been submitted via the University of Ostrava Portal. An e-application may be submitted up to the deadline given in Paragraph 2.
5. The administrative fee for the admissions procedure is paid once for each application submitted. The fee is payable no later than the deadline set for the submission of applications. If an applicant fails to pay the administrative fee by the set deadline and in the stipulated form, an e-mail will be sent to the applicant at the e-mail contact address given in the application, and the applicant will be instructed to pay the fee; a reasonable period of time will be given before the final deadline for payment. If the applicant fails to pay the fee by this final deadline, the admissions procedure will be suspended.
6. The process for submitting the e-application is as follows:
 - a) the application is submitted electronically via the “Electronic Application” internet app at https://is-stag.osu.cz/portal/studium/uchazec/eprihlaska.html?pc_lang=en;
 - b) the applicant enters their personal details and selects the studies for which they are applying;
 - c) the applicant pays the set administrative fee (3 000 CZK) in the stipulated manner.
7. Each applicant **must check the “Electronic Application” internet app** to ensure that their administrative fee has been credited to the University’s bank account. Any problems with the submission of the e-application can only be addressed up to the seventh working day after the final deadline for the submission of applications. Problems raised at a later date will not be addressed.

Article 3

Conditions for admission – previous education

1. The conditions for admission with regard to previous education are stipulated by Section 48 of the Higher Education Act.
2. Conditions for admission include:
 - a) for a Bachelor’s degree programme, completion of secondary education with a secondary school leaving examination;
 - b) for a consecutive (follow-on) Master’s degree programme, full completion of studies in at least a Bachelor’s degree programme;
 - c) for a doctoral degree programme, full completion of studies in a Master’s degree programme.
3. The completion of secondary education with a secondary school leaving examination is proved by an original or certified copy of a secondary school leaving certificate. The full completion of studies in a higher education degree programme is proved by an original or certified copy of a higher education diploma.
4. Applicants must submit the original or certified copy as per Paragraph 3 to the Study Department at the Faculty of Arts **by 15 May 2025. The applicant is entitled to request a postponement of the deadline for submitting a document confirming the applicant’s previous education.**

5. If an applicant completed their secondary or higher education in a foreign country (i.e. a country outside the Czech Republic), the applicant must submit (by the date stated in Paragraph 4) the following documents:
 - a) a document issued in compliance with the Education Act or former legal regulations, certifying the general recognition in the Czech Republic of the equivalence or validity of a foreign certificate of completion of secondary education; or a document certifying the general recognition in the Czech Republic of foreign higher education;
 - b) a document certifying the recognition of foreign education for the purposes of the admissions procedure (under Order no. 69/2019 issued by the Rector, on the assessment of foreign secondary school education and foreign higher education for purposes of admissions procedures – see <https://www.osu.eu/foreign-transcripts/>).
6. If the University of Ostrava does not grant recognition of the applicant's foreign education as per Paragraph 5 b), the applicant must proceed according to Paragraph 5 a).
7. The provisions of Paragraph 5 do not apply in the case of a European Baccalaureate or if the Czech Republic, in accordance with its international commitments, considers a foreign document certifying the completion of foreign secondary or higher education to be automatically equivalent without the necessity for any further official procedures (at the time of issuing this document, this applies to the following countries: Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia and Germany). In such cases, the applicant merely submits the original or a certified copy of the document.

Article 4

Further conditions for admission

1. Further conditions for admission are stipulated by the Faculty of Arts according to the provisions of Section 49 of the Higher Education Act.
2. A further condition for admission to the Bachelor's degree programme English Philology is the submission of an *IELTS Academic* or *ToEFL iBT* or *Duolingo English Test (DET)* certificate confirming that the applicant's proficiency in the English language reaches at least level B2 as per the minimum points scores given in the table below:

Points scores for IELTS and ToEFL and DET				
CEFR	score	IELTS Academic	ToEFL iBT	DET
B2	total:	min. 6.0	min. 80	min. 100
	each part:	min. 5.5	min. 18	min. 100

3. Further conditions for admission to the Master's degree programme English Philology are the submission of:
 - a) an *IELTS Academic* or *ToEFL iBT* or *Duolingo English Test (DET)* certificate confirming that the applicant's proficiency in the English language reaches at least level C1 as per the minimum points scores given in the table below:

Points scores for IELTS and ToEFL and DET				
CEFR	score	IELTS Academic	ToEFL iBT	DET
C1	total:	min. 6.5	min. 90	min. 110
	each part:	min. 6.0	min. 20	min. 110

- b) a structured letter of motivation as per Appendix no. 2;
- c) a structured summary of the applicant's Bachelor thesis as per Appendix no. 2.
4. If the applicant has already taken the examination, they must send a scan of the certificate to englishphilology@osu.cz. Otherwise, the certificate of the IELTS test (Test Report Form – TRF) or Duolingo English test (DET) or the ToEFL score report must be sent by the testing centre directly to the e-mail address englishphilology@osu.cz by 15 May 2025.
 5. The issue date of the language certificate must not be before 1 May 2023.
 6. Further conditions for admission to the doctoral degree programme are as follows:
 - a) the submission of a doctoral dissertation research proposal and the successful completion of the entrance examination;
 - b) the proposal must correspond with the research specializations of the Department of English and American Studies and an appropriate dissertation supervisor must be available.
 7. The number of applicants that can be accepted for admission is limited by the number and available capacity of individual potential supervisors.
 8. Applicants for the doctoral degree programmes English Philology and Philosophy. International Program should also send or attach to their e-application:
 - a) a curriculum vitae, including information on the applicant's proficiency in foreign languages according to the CEFR,
 - b) an overview of relevant activities (publications, participation in conferences, study stays abroad),
 - c) if available, a letter of recommendation from a university teacher or researcher,
 - d) any language certificates awarded to the applicant.

Information on the required documents and their structure is given in Appendix no. 3.
 9. Applicants for studies in study programme English Philology must submit the documents as per Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 by **15 May 2025** to the e-mail address englishphilology@osu.cz.
 10. Applicants for studies in study programme Philosophy. International Program must attach the documents as per Paragraphs 6 and 8 by **15 May 2025** to their e-application.
 11. The evaluation of the admissions procedure systematically applies a points-based approach. The maximum possible points score is 100.
 12. The minimum score for possible admission to the study programme English Philology is 60 points. The minimum score for possible admission to the study programme Philosophy. International Program is 50 points.
 13. The highest possible number of applicants that can be admitted after meeting the requirements for admission (i.e. the maximum capacity of the degree programme) is:
 - a) for the Bachelor's degree programme English Philology, 20 applicants;

b) for the consecutive (follow-on) Master's degree programme English Philology, 20 applicants;

c) for the doctoral degree programme English Philology, 6 applicants.

d) for the doctoral degree programme Philosophy. International Program, 5 applicants

14. If the conditions stipulated by the Faculty are met by a higher number of applicants than the maximum capacity of the degree programme, the highest-scoring applicants are admitted in descending order of scores achieved.

15. Detailed conditions for individual degree programmes are given in Appendices 1 to 4.

Approved by the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ostrava on 24. October 2024.

Ostrava, 29. October 2024

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Information on the Bachelor's degree programme *English Philology*

The admissions procedure does not include an entrance examination. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their submitted certificate of language proficiency. Applicants must submit an IELTS Academic or ToEFL iBT or Duolingo English test (DET) language proficiency certificate proving that their proficiency in the English language reaches at least level B2 (in the CEFR – Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

Criteria for evaluation:

The IELTS Academic or ToEFL iBT or Duolingo English test (DET) language proficiency certificate proving proficiency to at least level B2 must include a points score as per the following table:

Points scores for IELTS and ToEFL and DET				
CEFR	score	IELTS Academic	ToEFL iBT	DET
B2	total:	min. 6.0	min. 80	min. 100
	each part:	min. 5.5	min. 18	min. 100

If the applicant has already taken the examination, they must send a scan of the certificate to englishphilology@osu.cz. Otherwise, the certificate of the IELTS test (Test Report Form – TRF) or Duolingo English test (DET) or the ToEFL score report must be sent by the testing centre directly to the e-mail address englishphilology@osu.cz.

The test must have been taken at a certified testing centre.

Validity of results: the test results (scores) must not have been achieved before 1 May 2023.

Further information:

- Deadline for applications: Applications for the academic year 2025/2026 may be submitted **up to 15 May 2025**.
- The applicant must submit the language proficiency certificate by the deadline for the e-application, i.e. the certificate must be received no later than 15 May 2025.
- The decision on admission/non-admission will be issued to the applicant within one month from the submission of the complete documentation (the language certificate and confirmation of previous education with recognition in the Czech Republic).

Information on the consecutive (follow-on) Master's degree programme *English Philology*

The admissions procedure does not include an entrance examination. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of:

1. their submitted certificate of language proficiency. Applicants must submit an IELTS Academic or ToEFL iBT or Duolingo English test (DET) language proficiency certificate proving that their proficiency in the English language reaches at least level C1 (in the CEFR – Common European Framework of Reference for Languages);
2. a portfolio which will include:
 - a. a structured letter of motivation, in English (2,500 characters including spaces); in the letter, applicants must describe their relevant interests and experience beyond their Bachelor studies;
 - b. a structured summary of the applicant's Bachelor thesis, in English (2,500 characters including spaces). If the elaboration and defence of a Bachelor thesis was not a requirement for the completion of the applicant's previous studies, the applicant must submit a paper (an essay of 2,500 characters) on a specialist topic from the applicant's previous studies.

Criteria for evaluation:

1. The IELTS Academic or ToEFL iBT or Duolingo English test (DET) language proficiency certificate proving proficiency to at least level C1 must include a points score as per the following table. The applicant is automatically awarded 50 points for this part:

Points scores for IELTS and ToEFL and DET				
CEFR	score	IELTS Academic	ToEFL iBT	DET
C1	total:	min. 6.5	min. 90	min. 110
	each part:	min. 6.0	min. 20	min. 110

If the applicant has already taken the examination, they must send a scan of the certificate to englishphilology@osu.cz. Otherwise, the certificate of the IELTS test (Test Report Form – TRF) or Duolingo English test (DET) or the ToEFL score report must be sent by the testing centre directly to the e-mail address englishphilology@osu.cz.

The test must have been taken at a certified testing centre.

Validity of results: the test results (scores) must not have been achieved before 1 May 2023.

2. Evaluation of the applicant's portfolio – each applicant's portfolio will be evaluated and assessed by two reviewers/readers; a maximum 50 points may be awarded for this part:
 1. A structured letter of motivation in English; the length of the letter of motivation must not exceed 2,500 characters (including spaces). Any text exceeding this limit will not be included in the evaluation. Part of the assessment is the applicant's proficiency in the English language as reflected in the submitted letter of motivation, and whether the content of the letter of motivation is relevant to the chosen degree programme. A maximum 20 points may be awarded for the letter depending on how well the applicant has addressed the following aspects:

- a) What do you expect from your studies in the consecutive (follow-on) Master's programme? (0 – 5 points)
 - b) Which of your previous interests and experiences (both as part of your Bachelor studies and beyond your studies) are relevant to studying in this consecutive (follow-on) Master's programme? Describe their relevance. (0 – 5 points)
 - c) State how studying in this consecutive (follow-on) Master's programme is relevant to your future profession or career. (0 – 5 points).
 - d) State what interests you the most about your chosen degree programme/what aspect of the programme has attracted your attention the most, and describe the proposed topic of your Master's thesis (0 – 5 points).
- II. Summary of the applicant's Bachelor thesis, in English: the length of the summary must not exceed 2,500 characters (including spaces). Any text exceeding this limit will not be included in the evaluation. Part of the assessment is the applicant's proficiency in the English language as reflected in the summary of Bachelor's thesis. A maximum 30 points may be awarded for the summary depending on how well the applicant has addressed the following aspects, which must be included in the summary:
- a) the topic of the applicant's Bachelor thesis, its place within the context of the discipline (0 – 5 points);
 - b) the research aims (0 – 5 points);
 - c) the research methodology used, including references and connection with the theoretical framework of the thesis (0 – 5 points);
 - d) the corpus/material investigated (0 – 5 points);
 - e) the research results (findings), their interpretation and explanation (0 – 5 points);
 - f) outlook/recommendations for future research (0 – 5 points).
- III. If the elaboration and defence of a Bachelor thesis was not a requirement for the completion of the applicant's previous studies, the applicant must submit a paper (an essay of 2,500 characters, including spaces) on a specialist topic from the applicant's previous studies. Part of the assessment is the applicant's proficiency in the English language as reflected in the submitted paper (essay). A maximum 30 points may be awarded for the paper depending on how well the applicant has addressed the following aspects, which must be included in the paper:
- a) the topic of the paper, its place within the context of the discipline (0 – 5 points);
 - b) the research aims (0 – 5 points);
 - c) the research methodology used, including references and connection with the theoretical framework of the paper (0 – 5 points);
 - d) the corpus/material investigated (0 – 5 points);
 - e) the research results (findings), their interpretation and explanation (0 – 5 points);
 - f) outlook/recommendations for future research (0 – 5 points).

Further information:

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- The applicant must submit the language proficiency certificate by the deadline for the e-application, i.e. the certificate must be received no later than 15 May 2025.
- The decision on admission/non-admission will be issued to the applicant within one month from the submission of the complete documentation (the language certificate and confirmation of previous education with recognition in the Czech Republic).

Information on the doctoral degree programme *English Philology*

Form of entrance examination: Oral interview

Content of the entrance examination: The entrance examination interview takes the form of a discussion of the applicant's dissertation research proposal (project), which the applicant must submit as an appendix to the application. In justifiable cases and following approval by the degree programme coordinator, this discussion may take place online. In this proposal, the applicant must define the topic and goals of the proposed dissertation and demonstrate an adequate theoretical and methodological grounding for studying in a doctoral degree programme as well as displaying a good knowledge of relevant secondary literature for the proposed topic. The applicant must also describe how the proposed research will make a unique contribution to the development of knowledge within the field, as well as outlining the structure of the dissertation. The research proposal should include a bibliography listing sources that the applicant has studied and that are of relevance to the topic of the proposed research.

During the entrance examination interview, the applicant's aptitude for scholarly work, knowledge of the discipline, knowledge of the relevant literature and capacity for independent scholarly thought are verified and evaluated.

Criteria for the evaluation of the entrance examination: The entrance examination is evaluated on a points-based principle. The maximum possible points score is 100. The minimum score for admission is 60 points.

Possible grounds for exemption from the entrance examination: No exemptions are granted.

Recommended literature:

Literary focus:

Carter, Ronald and John McRae. *The Penguin guide to literature in English: Britain and Ireland*. London: Penguin Books, 2016.

Penguin English guides.

Klages, Mary. *Literary theory: the complete guide*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, an imprint of Bloomsbury Publishing, 2017.

Poplawski, Paul, Valerie Allen, Andrew Hiscock, Lee Morrissey, Peter J Kitson, Maria H Frawley and John Brannigan. *English literature in context*. Second edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Ruland, Richard and Malcolm Bradbury. *From Puritanism to Postmodernism: A History of American Literature*. New York: Penguin Books, 1992.

Linguistic focus:

Mair, Christian. *English Linguistics*. Tübingen: Narr Francke Attempto Verlag, 2015.

Svoboda, A. Hrehovčík, T. *An ABC of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics*. Opava: Slezská univerzita, 2006.

Štekauer, P. (ed.). *Rudiments of English Linguistics*. Prešov: Slovacontact, 2000.

Štekauer, P., Kavka, S. (eds.). *Rudiments of English Linguistics II*. Prešov: Prešovská univerzita, 2003.

Timofeeva, Olga et al. *New Approaches to English Linguistics*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 2016.

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- The date of the entrance examination will be set by the degree programme coordinator.
- The decision on admission/non-admission will be issued to the applicant within one month from the entrance examination and the submission of the confirmation of previous education with recognition in the Czech Republic.

Information on the required documents and their structure

The research proposal should include information on the following:

1. Research questions
2. The research context
3. Research methods
4. Research schedule/timeline
5. Publication and dissemination

Other documents:

1. The applicant's academic CV, including a list of publications,
2. A letter of motivation,
3. A letter of recommendation from a university teacher or researcher,
4. Any language certificates awarded to the applicant.

Information on the doctoral degree programme *Philosophy. International Program*

Form of entrance examination: Oral interview

Content of the entrance examination: The entrance examination takes the form of an oral interview in English, which mainly concerns the dissertation research proposal - project (its conception, methodological background, the orientation of the topic, etc.). The interview may also include a test of knowledge of another foreign and source language. If the applicant has not achieved a Master's degree in Philosophy, the oral entrance examination may also focus on the orientation in subjects, knowledge of which is required in the PhD programme Philosophy. International Program (i.e., basic orientation in the history of philosophy and philosophical systematics).

Criteria for the evaluation of the entrance examination: The entrance examination is evaluated on a points-based principle. The maximum possible points score is 100. The minimum score for admission is 50 points.

Possible grounds for exemption from the entrance examination: No exemptions are granted.

Further information:

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