

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

European Masters in Conference Interpreting (EMCI)

Admission exams

Prospective candidates may find information about ELTE's EMCI application procedure on our website: <https://languages.elte.europauiunioskonferenciatolmacs>. The completed application form must be printed and submitted to the Department of Translation and Interpreting by post (ELTE BTK Fordító- és Tolmácsképző Tanszék 1088 Budapest, Múzeum krt. 4/F) or by e-mail (bertalan.zoltanne@btk.elte.hu) together with a copy of the university degree, the copies of the necessary language certifications (as well as the certified translations if the degree and/or the language certifications were issued outside of Hungary) and a CV in Hungarian.

Candidates should

- hold a recognized university degree (BA). It is not necessary to have a degree in philology: interpreters have a wide variety of backgrounds. Previous training in consecutive interpreting is considered a strong advantage;
- have an excellent command of their mother tongue (A language) over a wide range of topics and registers;
- have a full understanding of their B and C languages across the full range of registers and be aware of – and able to understand – a range of accents in their B and/or C languages;
- offer the following language combination: ABC that includes HU and EN; • be well-informed of the economic, social and cultural background of the countries in which their working languages are used and have a good overall knowledge of international affairs;
- be able to follow an argument or line of reasoning;
- have good powers of concentration, analysis and synthesis;
- have good communication skills.

The admission test consists of two parts.

The written part of the exam consists of three translations: AB, BA, CA (1500 n), and is **eliminary**. The translations are evaluated on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the best and 1 being eliminatory). **Candidates who fail at even one of the translation exercises cannot proceed to the oral part.**

The candidate has the right to request information about the written part of the admission exam in regards to the failed translation task (evaluated as 1, i.e. eliminatory). The admission panel should provide written justification for the major errors in the translated text which caused the elimination.

The oral exams consist of an interview in the candidate's B language about their motivation, former training, work experience, and general knowledge; and of three interpreting exercises in AB, BA and CA directions (consecutive interpretation of 3-4 min speeches with notes). The exercises are evaluated on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the best and 1 eliminatory).

The admission panel is composed of internal and external trainers. The panel is composed of at least 3 persons for each language direction. Panel members only give speeches in their A language and evaluate the candidate's linguistic skills only for their A language. All panel members are professional interpreters.

The final decision about the admission is made by the admission panel with consensus. The panel takes into account the consistency of the candidate's grades in the different exercises, their skills and competences, the number of available places and the possible synergies between the accepted students' background and language combinations. The candidate receives written notification from the Department of Translation and Interpreting of ELTE about the admission with a short feedback regarding the candidate's performance.