

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

European Masters in Conference Interpreting (EMCI)

Admission exams

Prospective candidates may find information about ELTE's EMCI application procedure and the on-line application form on our website:

<https://languages.elte.hu/europaiunioskonferenciatolmaccs>.

While completing the form, candidates must upload a copy of their 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. They also need to indicate if they have any special educational needs (if they do, they need to contact: <https://www.elte.hu/eselyegyenloseg>).

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;
- offer the following language combination: ABC that includes HU and EN;
- attempt the admission exam in one language combination (ABC) only in the same academic year;
- hold a minimum C1 level language certificate or an equivalent university degree for their B language and a minimum B1 level language certificate or an equivalent university degree for their C language;
- 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;
- 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 exam consists of two parts.

The written part of the exam consists of three translations: AB, BA, CA (1500 n), and is eliminatory. 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 and view the corrected texts in person at the Department of Translation and Interpreting, ELTE. The request for a review of the entrance examination can be submitted in person at the Departmental Secretariat using the form available on the Departmental website or by e-mail (ftt@btk.elte.hu) as follows:

- Written examination: no later than 2 working days after the notification of the written examination results,
- Oral examination: within 1 working day after the examination.

An oral test may be requested if the candidate considers that an irregularity affecting the result of the oral test has occurred during the test.

Candidates who previously received an MA-level degree in interpreting at ELTE may apply for an exemption from the written parts of the exam. The application will be assessed on an individual basis.

The written part of the exam will be online on the Canvas LMS platform of ELTE. Candidates will be notified of the results of their translation tasks via e-mail from the Department of Translation and Interpreting of ELTE.

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 based on the written and oral performance of the candidates. 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.