The purpose of the Program Admissions Tests is to determine whether students have the required language skills and analytical ability to perform successfully on tasks assigned as part of first-semester coursework. All applicants take the same test with the same tasks, regardless of whether they wish to focus on translation (written word) or interpreting (spoken word). At the beginning of the oral test, an interview format is used to review the applicant’s background and general career plans and discuss the selection of translation or interpreting as a focus of study.

The Program Admissions Tests focus on the following primary test constructs:

- Language proficiency
- Analytical ability
- Basic translation and interpreting ability
- Ability to present information in appropriate style and form
- Knowledge of subject matter, including level of general education and culture

The Program Admissions Tests consist of five types of test tasks:

- Essay-writing
- Summary-writing
- Oral interview
- Oral recall summary
- Cognitive processing exercises

Definition of Language Designations for the Program Admissions Tests

- A language: A native tongue into and out of which one translates or interprets.
- B language: An acquired language into and out of which one translates or interprets.
- C language: An acquired language out of which one translates or interprets into a native tongue.
See table below for the minimum scores required for admission to first-year courses:

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* Test tasks are scored on a scale of high pass, pass, provisional pass, and fail.