To be able to follow lectures in English, international applicants need their English skills to correspond to the <u>B2 level </u>of the Common Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This is the minimum level to guarantee your success in programmes taught in English at the Technical University of Liberec.

In language teaching, different European countries used many different syllabuses and examinations - how to compare an exam after 5 years in Switzerland with an end-of-school certificate from Spain? And what about an applicant from China or Vietnam?

To make it clearer internationally, the Council of Europe decided to create the Framework (CEFR) which provides descriptions of ability in a language – any language.

Rather than use number of hours, or qualifications, it describes what people can actually do in the language. These abilities would range from knowing just some words, to knowing and using the language almost perfectly.

You are an independent user of the language at **B2 (Vantage) or Upper intermediate** level if you can…

- Understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in your field of specialisation
- Interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party
- Produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options
- Achieve most goals and express oneself on a range of topics

Various other standards approximately equivalent to CEFR B2

- **IELTS:** 5-6.5 (5 is borderline between B1 and B2)
- **TOEFL:** 87 to 109
- **TOEIC:** 400-485 (listening), 385-450 (reading)
- **City and Guilds:** Communicator
- **Cambridge Exam:** CAE (45 to 59) / FCE grade B or C / PET Pass with Distinction
- **BEC:** Vantage
- **British general qualifications:** GCE A-Level (known as A2)
- **MICHIGAN:** ECCE
- **PTE General:** Level 3
- **PTE Academic:** 59-75
- **Trinity ISE:** II

If you are not sure about your level, try to get your result online:
http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/test-your-english/general-english/