

## **Achievement tests and ALCPTs**

Achievement tests are a component of language programmes or courses. They measure a student's progress upon completion of such a programme or course and are closely linked to the contents of the course and to the materials used.

The purpose of ALCPTs is to place student candidates into suitable groups, based on the level of their language knowledge. For English we use the American Language Course Placement Tests. They measure only two skills: reading and listening. Knowledge of the other two skills (speaking and writing) is presumed and based on the number of points attained.