

ANNEX 1 - Language Proficiency Assessment (University Language Centre)

Language proficiency is assessed for each chosen destination. The language evaluated is the one required by the foreign universities and indicated in the Overseas destination tables. The assessment result (regardless of the recommended or required level by the foreign university) is used solely for the purpose of evaluating the application. If multiple languages are indicated for a destination, only one will be assessed. Furthermore, if the applicant has more than one certified language proficiency relevant to the destination, the system will consider only the one with the highest score.

Native speakers are also required to follow the rules outlined below.

Language proficiency will be evaluated through aptitude tests and language exams taken, or through any certifications held by the applicant. This data will be extracted from the University Language Centre's database and the online academic transcript. Language proficiency tests will only be recognized if taken and passed strictly by April 30, 2025, as communicated during the publication of the Overseas destinations.

English Language

Here's the English translation:

For the English language, students who, during their current academic career or in the immediately preceding study cycle (always completed at this University), have obtained a proficiency or certification recognized by the University, or have passed an exam with a grade out of thirty, will have it automatically evaluated and will not need to submit any documentation.

Those (including doctoral students) who have not already submitted any international certification to the University Language Centre (CLA) must send it to the CLA (PDF, JPG, or PNG format, max 5Mb) exclusively using the link <https://app.cla.unisi.it/sigil/cla/> no later than June 3rd, 2025, and wait for confirmation of receipt. The table of recognized certifications is published on the CLA website: https://www.cla.unisi.it/sites/st17/files/allegatiparagrafo/22-11-2024/tabella_certificazioni_nov.2024.pdf

Only certifications obtained no more than 4 years from the date of the first enrollment at the University will be accepted.

Only exams taken at authorized centers will be validated, not exams taken from home ("home edition").

In the event that a certification already submitted to the CLA is of a higher level than the one recorded in the academic career, the actual level of the certification is automatically considered (data already in the possession of the CLA).

Students enrolled in degree programs taught in English are automatically recognized as having a B2 level, unless they have directly submitted a higher-level certification to the University Language Centre.

Those (including doctoral students) who have passed an English exam or proficiency test in a previous university career outside of our University, no more than 4 years prior to enrolling at the University of Siena, must send the entire previous academic transcript, including all passed exams, the dates they were taken, and the syllabus of the English exam specifying the language level achieved, to the CLA (PDF, JPG, or PNG format, max 5Mb) exclusively using the link <https://app.cla.unisi.it/sigil/cla/>, no later than June 3rd, 2025.

Students enrolled in Communication Sciences, Communication Strategies and Techniques, Language and Mind, and Public and Cultural Diplomacy who have had an exam or language proficiency test taken in a previous career at another University validated by the Teaching Committee, and which is not yet visible in their online transcript, must report it to the Student Office of DISPOC (studenti.mattioli@unisi.it), which will then communicate it to the Language Centre.

Other Languages

For all other languages (French, Portuguese, and Spanish), those (including doctoral students) who, during their current academic career or in the immediately preceding study cycle (always completed at this University), have obtained a proficiency or have passed an exam with a grade out of thirty will have it automatically evaluated. If they believe they have uncertified skills, they must contact the relevant CEL (Language Expert and Collaborator) to take the proficiency test. If, on the other hand, they possess a certification, proficiency, or language exam taken at another University, they must send the relevant documentation to the CLA (PDF, JPG, or PNG format, max 5Mb) exclusively using the link <https://app.cla.unisi.it/sigil/cla/>, no later than April 30th, 2025, and await evaluation by language experts.

On the CLA website, <https://www.cla.unisi.it/it>, the recognized certifications and validation criteria are indicated on the page of the chosen language.

Students in Arezzo must instead submit the documentation to the CLA of Arezzo (cla-ar@unisi.it), only if they have not already done so previously.

General Rules

documentation submitted without a clear indication of the language level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) parameters (A1, A2, B1, B2, etc.) cannot be evaluated in any way, nor can documentation submitted after June 3rd, 2025.

The scores related to the language assessment (as per the table at the bottom) will be published on the webpage <https://en.unisi.it/international/outgoing-exchange-students/study-and-research-abroad/international-programs>

Candidates will be notified by email and will have the opportunity to report any anomalies to outgoing@unisi.it no later than 2 days after the publication date. After this date, no further complaints will be accepted.

In the event that the level of foreign language proficiency does not comply with that required by the host university, access to the ranking for the allocation of the Overseas destination is not precluded.

The assignee must then provide confirmation of their language skills to the future host University, according to the methods requested by the latter.

In the event that the candidate does not possess certifications proving their level of language proficiency, no score will be awarded (0).

For clarifications on the language assessment, candidates from the Siena campus can contact infocla@unisi.it, and those from the Arezzo campus can contact cla-ar@unisi.it.