

Language Requirements – Assessment modalities

To meet the language requirements requested by the Erasmus+ mobility for studies call for applications, students should:

1. **Sit a language assessment test organised by the University Language Centre - CLA for the Erasmus+ mobility for studies 2026/2027 call for applications and obtain (at least) the A2 level** for the language(s) requested in the exchange student vacancy they are interested in (languages available: French, English, Spanish, German and Portuguese);
2. **Have passed a curricular language pass/fail test (so called “idoneità linguistica”) as part of their study plan**, in the language requested by the mobility programme. A curricular language pass/fail test consists in an exam which verifies linguistic skills in French, English, Spanish and German. As foreseen by the academic regulations of the degree programmes, university credits (CFU) area awarded for the curricular language pass/fail test. Test passed before 1/1/2021 will not be considered valid as exemption from the language test. For students enrolled in a second cycle degree at UNIBO (Laurea Magistrale) the language test passed during their first cycle degree can be considered valid if passed not before 1/1/2021, even if obtained at another Italian university. Students are requested to upload onto AlmaRM the relevant documents and a syllabus of the activity. **For the purposes of verifying the linguistic requirements requested by the Erasmus+ mobility for studies call for applications, Additional Learning Requirements (so called “Obblighi Formativi Aggiuntivi – OFA”) are not accepted;**
3. **Have been awarded an official language certificate** among those listed in the **Attachment 3** at CEFR level A2 or higher, in the language specified in the exchange offer. Certificates issued before 1/1/2021 will not be considered, regardless of the official validity period established by the certifying body;
4. **Are enrolled in degree programmes taught entirely in English** (listed in **Attachment 4** of the call for applications). This option is valid only for students applying for mobility programmes where the required language is English. Students in this category who apply for exchange vacancies that do not offer English as a testing language will nonetheless have to submit adequate certification (or sit the assessment test);
5. **Are enrolled in a third-cycle programme (PhD programme or specialization school) at the University of Bologna. These candidates are nevertheless required to check the language requirement specified by the partner institutions in the exchange offer details.**
6. **Have been awarded a certificate after attending a 50-hour course at the University Language Centre -CLA** at CEFR level A2 or higher, in the language specified in the exchange offer. Certificates issued before 1/1/2021 will not be considered;
7. **Have passed a language assessment test at the University Language Centre - CLA after 1/1/2021** for other calls for applications for mobility programs (Erasmus+ for studies, Erasmus+ for Traineeship, Overseas, Fieldwork) at CEFR level A2 or higher, in the language specified in the exchange offer. The result of the most recent language assessment test will be deemed valid. For example, if the student sat a test in 2024 and achieved A2 level, but took another test in 2025 and only achieved A1 level, his/her application would be rejected. Accordingly, **students who decide to sit the test foreseen for the Erasmus+ for studies call for applications a.y. 2026-27 session should note that the level achieved in that test would be taken into consideration, even if they achieved a higher level in previous language assessment tests.** For students enrolled in a second cycle degree at UNIBO (Laurea Magistrale) the language assessment test passed during their first cycle degree can be considered valid if passed not before 1/1/2021, even if obtained at **another Italian university**. Students are requested to upload onto AlmaRM the relevant documents and a syllabus of the activity;
8. **Be enrolled in degree programmes at the Department of Interpreting and Translation - DIT and apply for exchanges linked to this department.** In particular, these students must comply with the instructions available at the web page: <https://corsi.unibo.it/laurea/MediazioneLinguisticaInterculturale/bando-erasmus-valutazione-delle-competenze-linguistiche.htm> **NB: Students enrolled in degree programmes at the Department of Interpreting and**

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Translation – DIT and are applying for exchanges linked to other departments must comply with the criteria specified by the Call for Applications for students enrolled in degree programs at all the other departments. Students enrolled at the last year of a degree programme activated by other departments/schools and are planning to enrol in a degree programme activated by the Department of Interpreting and Translation - DIT and to go abroad during their “future career” must comply with the criteria specified by the Call for Applications for students enrolled in degree programs at all the other departments;

9. Be:

- a. enrolled in first cycle degree programmes at the Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures – LILEC, and applying for an exchange related to LILEC, where ENGLISH is required as the language to be assessed, according to the vacancy they apply for provided that these students have ENGLISH as their curricular language;
- b. enrolled in second cycle degree programmes at the Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures – LILEC, and applying for an exchange related to LILEC, provided that the student’s curricular language is the one to be assessed according to the vacancy they apply for. Eligible curricular languages are ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH, GERMAN, PORTUGUESE (except for PORTUGUESE language for students enrolled in the degree course Language Society and Communication; **see below - ii**).

Please note: students are not exempted from taking the language assessment test if:

- i. they are enrolled in first cycle degree programmes at the Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures – LILEC where one of the following languages is required: FRENCH, SPANISH, GERMAN, PORTUGUESE;
- ii. they are enrolled in the second cycle degree programme Language Society and Communication of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures – LILEC and where PORTUGUESE is required as the language to be assessed;
- iii. they are enrolled in degree programmes activated by Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures – LILEC and are applying for exchanges linked to other departments. In this case, they must meet the requirements set out in the call for applications for students from other departments;
- iv. they are enrolled at the last year of a degree programme activated by other departments/schools and are planning to enroll in a degree Programme activated by LILEC and to go abroad during their “future career”. In this case, they must meet the requirements set out in the call for applications for students from other departments.

10. **Have obtained an ESABAC (Diplôme du baccalauréat) diploma**, as established by the agreement of 24/01/2009 between the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research and the French Ministry of Education, (certification valid only for students applying for mobility programmes where the required language is French); students are advised to upload in the application the relevant documents stating that the ESABAC diploma has been obtained;

11. **Have obtained a high school diploma from** an Italian secondary school with international option for the languages English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese (for example: high school diploma under the option “Cambridge ICSE”, high school diploma from the Istituto Galvani in Bologna - International Section, English and German and similar diplomas). Warning: the supporting documents uploaded in the application should display the language option of the high school section attended and it will have to correspond to the language requested by the exchange vacancy. Please note that the International Baccalaureate diploma can only be considered as an exemption from taking the English language assessment test, for offers that require this. The International Baccalaureate diploma must include, among the subjects taken, English A (English Literature / English Language and Literature) and/or English B (English Language), according to the QEFR equivalence table proposed by UK NARIC;

12. **Have been awarded the bilingual certification for German language issued by the autonomous province of Bolzano or the Deutsches Sprachdiplom (DSD) der Kultusministerkonferenz, testing the four skills** (certifications valid only for students applying for mobility programmes where the required language is German);

13. **Have obtained abroad or in Italy a high school diploma or a first/second cycle degree in the language requested by the exchange vacancy** (English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese). Warning: the supporting documents uploaded in the application should display the language in which the diploma/degree has been obtained.

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