Language Requirements – Assessment modalities

In order to meet the language requirements requested by the Erasmus+ mobility for study call for application, students should:

1. Sit a language assessment test organised by the CLA for the Erasmus+ mobility for study 2024/2025 call for application 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 as part of their study plan, in the language requested by the mobility programme. Test passed before 1/1/2021 will not be considered valid as exemption from the language test. For students enrolled at the first year of a second cycle degree (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;

3. Have been awarded an official certificate issued by one of the Certifying Bodies in the table of equivalence of the Common European Framework of Reference, supplemented with certification for Portuguese (Attachment 3). 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 application). This option is valid only for students applying for mobility programmes where the required language is English. Students in this category who apply for institutes 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;

6. Have been awarded a certificate after attending a 50-hour course at the University Language Centre (CLA). Certificates issued before 1/1/2021 will not be considered;

7. Have passed a language assessment test at the University of Bologna Language Centre (CLA) after 1/1/2021 for other calls for applications for mobility programs (Erasmus+ for study, Erasmus+ for traineeship, Overseas, Fieldwork). The result of the most recent language assessment test will be deemed valid. For example, if a student sat a test in 2022 and achieved A2 level, but took another test in 2023 and only achieved A1 level, his/her application would be rejected. Accordingly, students who decide to sit the test foreseen for the Erasmus+ for study call for application ay 2024/25 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;

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/MediazioneLinguisticalInterculturale/bando-eramus-valutazione-delle-competenze-linguistiche.htm NB. Students must comply with the criteria specified for students enrolled in degree programs at other departments if:
   • are enrolled in degree programmes activated by DIT and are applying for exchanges linked to other departments
   • are 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 DIT and to go abroad during their “future career”;

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;

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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 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, and apply for an exchange related to LILEC, where ENGLISH is required as the language to be assessed; FRENCH, SPANISH, GERMAN, PORTUGUESE;

ii. they are enrolled in the degree course Language Society and Communication and apply for an exchange related to LILEC, where PORTUGUESE is required as the language to be assessed;

iii. they are enrolled in degree programmes activated by LILEC and are applying for exchanges linked to 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 DIT and to go abroad during their “future career”

10. Have obtained an ESABAC diploma (certification valid only for students applying for mobility programmes where the required language is French); students are advised to upload in the application the certificate released by the Italian secondary school with the statement of the obtained ESABAC;

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 diploma 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;

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 diploma uploaded in the application should display the language in which the diploma/degree has been obtained.

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