

ANNEX 1 - Language Proficiency Assessment (University Language Centre)

Language proficiency is assessed for each chosen destination. The language subject to assessment is the one required by the partner universities and indicated in the Overseas destination tables. The assigned score (whatever it may be, regardless of the level recommended or required by the partner university) is used solely for the purpose of evaluating the application. If multiple languages are indicated for a single destination, only one will be assessed. Furthermore, if the candidate holds more than one certified language qualification applicable to the destination, the system will only consider the one with the highest score.

Native speakers must contact the CLA at infocla@unisi.it to arrange the assessment methods for their language competence.

Language proficiency will be assessed through language proficiency tests and language exams taken, or through any certifications held by the candidate. This data will be extracted from the University Language Centre (CLA) database and the online student record (*libretto online*). Proficiency tests will only be recognized if taken and passed strictly by June 16, 2026.

English Language

For the English language, candidates who have a proficiency test, a university-recognized certification, or a graded exam (out of 30) recorded in their current academic career or in their immediately preceding cycle of studies (provided it was completed at this University) will have it assessed automatically and do not need to submit any documentation.

Anyone (including PhD students) who has not yet submitted an international certification to the University Language Centre must send it to the CLA (PDF, JPG, or PNG formats, max 5MB) exclusively via the link <https://app.cla.unisi.it/sigil/cla/> no later than June 22, 2026, 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/02-03-2026/all.4 tabella certificazioni marzo 2026.pdf](https://www.cla.unisi.it/sites/st17/files/allegatiparagrafo/02-03-2026/all.4%20tabella%20certificazioni%20marzo%202026.pdf)

Only certifications obtained no more than 4 years prior to enrollment in the current course of study will be accepted. Only exams taken at authorized centers will be validated; online/at-home exams ("home edition") will not be accepted.

If the 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 (data already held by the CLA) will automatically be considered.

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

Anyone (including PhD students) who has taken an English exam or proficiency test during a previous academic career outside our University, within 4 years prior to enrollment in their current course of study at the University of Siena, must submit their entire previous academic history to the CLA (PDF, JPG, or PNG formats, max 5MB) exclusively via the link <https://app.cla.unisi.it/sigil/cla/>, no later than June 22, 2026. This must include all passed exams, the dates they were taken, and the English exam syllabus stating the language level achieved.

Students enrolled in *Scienze della Comunicazione, Strategie e Tecniche della Comunicazione, Language and Mind, or Public and Cultural Diplomacy* who have obtained validation from the Teaching Committee for a language exam or proficiency test taken during a previous career at another University, and which does not

yet appear on the online student record, must report this to the DISPOC Student Office (studenti.mattioli@unisi.it), which will forward the information to the Language Centre.

Other Languages

For all other languages (French, Portuguese, Spanish), candidates (including PhD students) who have a proficiency test or a graded exam (out of 30) recorded in their current academic career or in their immediately preceding cycle of studies (completed at this University) will have it evaluated automatically. If you believe you have uncertified language skills, you must contact the relevant language expert (CEL - *Collaboratore ed Esperto Linguistico*) to take the proficiency test during one of the sessions already scheduled no later than June 16, 2026. If you hold a certification, proficiency test, or language exam taken at another University, you must send the relevant documentation to the CLA (PDF, JPG, or PNG formats, max 5MB) exclusively using the link <https://app.cla.unisi.it/sigil/cla/>, no later than June 22, 2026, and await evaluation by the language experts.

Recognized certifications and validation criteria are indicated on the CLA website (<https://www.cla.unisi.it/it>) on the page dedicated to the chosen language.

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

General Rules

Documentations submitted without a clear indication of the language level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR: A1, A2, B1, B2, etc.) cannot be evaluated under any circumstances. Likewise, documentation delivered after **June 22, 2026**, will not be accepted.

Scores relating to the language assessment (as per the table at the bottom of the page) will be published on the webpage: <https://www.unisi.it/internazionale/outgoing-exchange-students/altri-programmi-di-mobilita>

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

If the applicant's level of foreign language proficiency does not match the level required by the host university, they are still allowed access to the ranking list for the allocation of Overseas destinations.

The selected student will then need to provide proof of their language proficiency to the future host University according to the methods requested by the latter.

If the candidate does not possess any certification or proof of language proficiency level, no points will be awarded (0).

For clarifications regarding 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