

Regulations on awarding University of Girona students Recognition as Students with International Competence (RECI)

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Preamble

Given the growing internationalisation of knowledge, the exponential increase in people's mobility and the global dimension of the great challenges facing humanity (social, economic, political and environmental), the training of students must enhance and recognise skills linked to international competence. Recognition of a student with international competence (RECI) is, above all, an accreditation for students who have acquired the necessary skills to work in a global context. The RECI is also a mechanism to stimulate and increase training in global skills.

The Governing Council, in session no. 1/2020 of 19 February 2020 (eBOU-1855), approved the "Regulations on the Recognition of Students with International Competence (RECI) for students of the University of Girona". These regulations took effect on 1 September 2021.

Throughout the 2021-2022 academic year, the Executive Committee for Teaching and Students and the International Policy Advisory Committee, together with the offices of the Academic Secretaries of the schools and faculties, have developed the guidelines for the correct implementation of the regulations. As a result, some aspects of the original text need to be amended.

Article 1. Aim

To highlight and accredit the international competence of students in bachelor's and master's degree studies at the University of Girona, the Recognition of Students with International Competence is hereby established. When obtained, it will be recorded in point 6 of the EDS and in the academic certifications issued thereafter.

Article 2. Internacional competence

International competence is defined as having participated in a sufficient number of academic activities with an international focus to demonstrate a student's global competence and ability to work in an international setting.

Article 3. Recognition

To obtain recognition of international competence, UdG students will have to apply for it using the electronic procedure established for this purpose, and after they have successfully participated in activities in the categories listed in the following article.

Each recognised activity will be awarded one point, except for activities in category (i), for which two activities will be required to obtain one point. Three points are required for RECI.

The same activity cannot be used for more than one category, except for stays undertaken in long-term international mobility programmes in which the final degree project and/or the practical placement has been completed.

The required three points can be obtained using a minimum of two categories.

For activities in categories (a), (b), (c) and (i), academic recognition will be granted for successful participation in the activity.

Article 4. Recognised activities

To be considered for RECI, student participation in the programmes listed below or accreditation of the cases mentioned below will be taken into account.

- a) Long-term international mobility programmes may be eligible for recognition, in accordance with the current regulations on credit recognition and transfer.
- b) Short-term international mobility or exchange activities are also eligible for recognition, either of a general nature or approved by the governing committees of the faculties and schools, in accordance with the current regulations on the recognition and transfer of credits.
- c) International solidarity and development cooperation activities are eligible for recognition in accordance with the current regulations on credit recognition and transfer.
- d) Having successfully completed a minimum of nine ECTS credits in UdG subjects taught in a foreign language.
- e) Certification of a level in a third language equal to or higher than B2 in the framework of third languages of the Catalan education system (English, French, German and Italian).
- f) Proven knowledge of more than one of the third languages of the Catalan education system (English, French, German and Italian) at level B1 or higher of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- g) Having prepared and successfully defended the final bachelor's degree project or the final master's degree project in a third language within the framework of third languages of the Catalan education system (English, French, German, Italian).
- h) Proof of successful participation in international external placements or external placements carried out in a national context but with an international component. In

the latter case, as well as in the case of extracurricular placements, a favourable report or assessment from the collaborating centre will be required.

- i) Successful completion of various activities that form part of the catalogue of activities with recognition.
- j) Having successfully completed a programme of study at the UdG with an international teaching methodology.

Extenuating circumstances

The Executive Committee for Teaching and Students and the International Policy Advisory Committee shall ensure proper compliance with the regulations and the guidelines for their implementation. The resolution of all matters not provided for in these regulations in relation to international recognition is the responsibility of the rector, who shall first assess the circumstances alleged by the students and the reports or proposals for resolution drawn up by the governing bodies of the faculties or schools of the students concerned.

Repeal provision

The Regulations for granting Recognition as a Student with International Competence (RECI) to UdG students, approved by the Governing Council on 18 July 2013 (ordinary session number 4/2013) and published in the Official Gazette of the University of Girona number 4/2013 ([eBOU-516](#)), will be repealed with the entry into force of this regulation.

Final provision

This regulation will come into effect on the day following its publication in the Official Gazette of the University of Girona.