

REGULATION FOR THIRD LANGUAGES IN BACHELOR'S DEGREE STUDIES (consolidated text)

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Article 1. Third language and level

1. Each degree report will state the level of the current third language for obtaining the degree.
2. The Authorised Teaching and Students Committee shall establish and keep up to date for each academic year the languages that are considered a third language within each area of knowledge, under the Interuniversity Council of Catalonia's agreement for updating recognition of certificates and degrees confirming competence in foreign languages.
3. Students must be informed at all times of their expected language requirements.

Article 2. Accreditation procedure for the requirement of knowledge of a third language in bachelor's degrees at the UdG

The UdG's channels for students to confirm they have achieved the specified level of their third language are as follows:

- a) Obtaining a recognised certificate or having a degree that exempts them from accreditation in accordance with the Agreement of the Interuniversity Council of Catalonia in force. It shall fall to the UdG's Authorised Teaching and Students Committee, once it has seen the report from the Modern Languages Service, to keep this information up to date and assess the acceptance of other certificates not included in the Agreement.
- b) Obtaining a certificate showing the passing of any specific test of knowledge confirming at least the level achieved in each qualification report, organised by state or private universities from the Catalan or Spanish university system, in accordance with the requirements of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), and endorsed by the relevant bodies. In the case of Spanish universities, certificates shall have to bear the seal of the Association of Language Centres in Higher Education.
- c) Having obtained at least 9 ECTS corresponding to UdG study courses or recognised activities taught entirely in a third language. In such cases, all the activities, including those of the subject's assessment, must be carried out in the third language in question.

- d) Preparing, defending and passing the bachelor's thesis in a third language.
- e) Staying at a university or foreign company within the framework of a mobility programme or under an educational-cooperation agreement where activities are held in the three languages mentioned above, for accreditation purposes, by obtaining of a minimum of 9 ECTS or a minimum stay of 2 months of practicals. If necessary, the stay's assessment activities will have to be carried out in the third language in question.
- f) Teaching subjects of a third language confirming the required level or above, according to the bachelor's degree report or with the supervision of the Modern Languages Service.

Article 3. Application of the regulations

1. The UdG will inform students of the various accreditation possibilities for confirming the level of their third language. Accreditations will appear in students' academic records, in European Diploma Supplements (EDSs), as agreed by the Interuniversity Council of Catalonia (CIC).
2. The Modern Languages Service will organise free academic courses and exams every academic year, which, if passed, can be used by students to confirm the required language level.
3. Students who confirm their level in a third language through the Modern Languages Service at the UdG, whether from producing certificates not found in the approved correlation table or from having taken part in each year's free exams, will not be required to bring any documents.
4. Students who have an accreditation identified in the above-mentioned table before they start their studies at the UdG may submit it to the academic secretary's office at the teaching centre, together with all the other documents required for first enrolment. Students who have not done this and students who obtain an accreditation identified in that table during their studies may submit it to the academic secretary's office at the teaching centre. The teaching centres' respective academic secretary's offices will incorporate the accreditation produced by the students into their corresponding academic records.
5. The enrolment rules in bachelor's degree studies, university master's degrees and doctoral programmes for each academic year will specify the conditions and deadlines for submitting accreditations.

Transitional provisions

The requirement for confirming third-language levels for the purposes of obtaining degrees will apply to newly enrolled students on the bachelor's degree course who have started their studies since the incorporation of the requirement into the study programme's report.

As for students of bachelor's degrees that have not had the requirement incorporated into the report, all those who start their university bachelor's degree studies from the academic year 2018-2019 on will have to confirm satisfaction of the requirement of knowledge of a foreign language from among those established for university entrance exams (PAU), at a level equivalent to the B2 of the European Council's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), in accordance with Act 1/2018.

The requirement for confirming third-language levels for the purposes of obtaining degrees under Act 1/2018 shall not apply to students who have been incorporated into academic years after the first up to the academic year 2021-2022, as it is understood that they would not have equal opportunities for the purposes of satisfying the requirement.

Repealing provision

This regulation repeals the following previous regulations:

- Regulation for third languages in bachelor's degree studies (approved at Governing Council n°. 2/10 of 25 February 2010)
- Approval of the amendment to the regulation for third languages in bachelor's degree studies (approved at Governing Council n°. 6/2014 of 18 July 2014)
- Repeal of the requirement for B2.1 for the purposes of obtaining bachelor's degrees (approved at Governing Council n°. 5/2015)

Single final provision. Entry into force

This regulation for third languages in bachelor's degree studies will come into force on the day following its approval by the UdG's Governing Council.