

The rules of documenting the knowledge of a foreign language on at least B2 level in the proceedings for awarding a doctoral degree in the University of Gdańsk

I. Documents that certify the knowledge of a modern foreign language at a language proficiency level of at least B2 are:

1. a first- or second-cycle diploma or a long-cycle master's degree diploma in a modern language philology (or any other field of study which contains the evidence of at least B2 proficiency in the indicated foreign language in the diploma supplement);
2. a university degree in a foreign language;
3. a language certificate issued by the Foreign Languages Centre (FLC) of the University of Gdańsk confirming a language proficiency level of at least B2 (all skills)¹;
4. other certificates confirming the knowledge of a foreign language at the required level, including but not limited to:
 - a. FCE, CAE and CPE - regardless of grade,
 - b. TOEIC* - min. 785 points.
 - c. TOEFL* - min. 72 points.
 - d. IELTS* - above 5.5,
 - e. TELC ENGLISH min. B2 or B2-C1.

Certificates confirming the knowledge of a foreign language (including non-English) at a level lower than B2 or that are not properly described, i.e. do not provide information making it possible to determine the level in accordance with the requirements of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR, Polish CEF) will not be taken into account.

A doctoral student fills out the application form addressed to the Deputy Director of FLC UG for Teaching and Student Affairs and sends it via e-mail to: agnieszka.blaszkowska@ug.edu.pl, together with a scan or a photo of the documents confirming language proficiency (the original is presented for review).

Once the application has been processed, a doctoral student is informed via email of the FLC's decision. The application together with a copy of the document confirming language proficiency is sent to the doctoral school's office. The opinion is issued to a doctoral student upon the presentation of the original proof of language proficiency to the doctoral school's office and authentication of the copy sent beforehand with the original.

II. Persons who do not have language certificates:

- a. Have the possibility of support in the form of English classes in the second year of studies. The classes last 2 x 30 hours and end with obtaining credit (at the required B2 level) and a certificate.

A doctoral student sends a declaration (application) selecting the course as an optional subject of 2 x 30 hours via e-mail to the doctoral school's office. The condition of participation in the course is the knowledge of English at the level of at least B1. A diagnostic test is conducted before the beginning of the course.

¹ In accordance with the Ordinance of the Rector of UG 126/R/17, the certificate is issued at the request of a student up to two years after the completion of a language course at the FLC UG.

- b. In case a doctoral student does not require support, he/she is not obliged to participate in the organised language course. He/she takes a credit test (with the language course group at the end of the second year of education) and can apply for a FLC UG certificate.

A doctoral student notifies the Head of the English Language Teaching Team at the FLC UG of his/her willingness to take the credit test (no later than before the beginning of the second semester of the course - the requirement to be registered as a group member in the FAST system).

- c. Persons who do not hold the relevant certificate and do not take the course of study as part of the doctoral school shall fulfil their obligations under the Act on their own.
- d. In justified cases (e.g. if a doctoral student knows a language other than English (min. B1), at the his/her request and with the consent of the Deputy Director of FLC, it is possible to study another foreign language from the FLC offer, in the undergraduate and postgraduate course group, in the number of hours corresponding to the doctoral school's programme (2x30 hours). In that case, a doctoral student can also obtain a certificate from the FLC UG. Please contact the Deputy Director of FLC UG for Teaching and Student Affairs before the beginning of the winter semester to arrange the details.