

Dear Students,

On 2 April 2012, Resolution No. 458 of the Senate of the University of Lodz became effective. This is on the rules of knowledge and practical use of a modern foreign language by students at the University of Lodz.

Pursuant to § 1 section 1 of the resolution, graduate of the first-degree studies conducted at the University of Lodz should demonstrate foreign language skills meeting requirements specified for level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Section 2: *"Graduate of the second-degree studies and 5-year MA studies conducted at the University of Lodz should demonstrate foreign language skills in the scientific fields and disciplines relevant to the study course, pursuant to the requirements specified for B2+ level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages."*

§ 3 of the resolution informs about the obligation to take the test specifying level of knowledge of the modern foreign language chosen by student "... *In the event of obtaining a number of scores corresponding to the level of language knowledge - B2 for first-degree studies and B2+ for 5-year MA studies, relatively, a student is exempted from foreign language classes and only sits for the final exam.*"

To adopt provisions of the resolution, we have designed the diagnostic tests in six languages (English, German, French, Russian, Spanish and Italian). The tests are available on the university platform for distance learning (<https://moodle.uni.lodz.pl>) as the courses called ... **Language Test [Test z języka ...]** To take the test, you should log into the platform and enroll for the course. You may log into the platform from any computer with Internet connection and any browser. (Mozilla FireFox, Internet Explorer, Opera, Chrom)

First-year students have already used the platform (courses on Health and Safety in the Workplace [BHP] course and Use of the Library). After logging into the platform you should find an appropriate course on the list, i.e. **English Language Test [Test z języka angielskiego]**. After choosing the course you will be asked to give the access code. It is the same as for the BHP course Remember that each Faculty has a different code so you must use only your faculty code!

EACH STUDENT IS ENTITLED TO TAKE ONLY ONE LANGUAGE TEST

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENROLL FOR SEVERAL TESTS!

Tests evaluate language competencies at A1, A2, B1, B2, and B2+ levels, relatively. Each test comprises 20 one-choice questions (only one answer is correct). **Each test must be done in 10 minutes!** You may sit for the test **only once!** You should start from A1 level. If you have over 70 per cent of correct answers, you can go A2 level test and then B1, B2, B2+ successively. Thus the test comprises 100 questions divided into 5 levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, B2+. The test is progressive: if you do not get minimum 70 per cent of correct answers at the specific level (14 scores at the level), the next level "will not open." If you find the next questions too difficult, skip them and finish doing the test. After completing the test (even when the time limit is over), the score will be displayed and depending on a number of scores another test may be opened. Test scores are also available for the Deans' Offices and Foreign Languages Centre.

The prerequisite for being exempted from foreign language classes (but not from exam) and being entitled to choose another language at any level (including the starter level) is at least 70 per cent of correct answers at B2 or B2+ levels.

Please note! It is in your interest **to do the test on your own and fairly** – your foreign language competencies will be accurately evaluated and a proper foreign language course selected. The test will provide an objective evaluation of the foreign language competencies level when you do it on your own and do not use any scientific aids (textbook, dictionary and the like).

If your test score corresponds to A1 or A2 levels, you should take appropriate steps to catch up. We would like to recommend you to contact the Foreign Languages Centre of the University of Lodz where you will receive the professional advice.

If you receive the score entitling you to be exempted from foreign language classes (B2, B2+), we would like to ask you to make a rational decision **as passing the test shall not exempt you from sitting for the B2 or B2+ exam** and it includes professional language for the specific field of study. We would like to recommend you to contact the Foreign Languages Centre of the University of Lodz 161 Pomorska St 90-236 Łódź, Phone:(42) 635-52-72 (High School Building).

Please note! Pursuant to the decision made by the Didactic Commission on 8 May 2014, the diagnostic test is **obligatory** for all students of the first-degree regular and extramural studies who have enrolled in this academic year. You **must** do the test to enroll for the language class.

In the event of technical problems associated with the platform operation, you should contact the platform administrator.

Yours faithfully,

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