

Institutional Foreign Language Test

For applicants interested in exchange and mobility programs administered by TSU

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the aim of the Institutional Language Test?

The aim of the institutional language test is to encourage students who are interested in participating in exchange programs administered by TSU, but are unable to meet its prerequisite (no valid document certifying foreign language proficiency at B2 level).

2. When does the Institutional Language Test take place?

The institutional language test takes place twice a year, in the beginning of fall and spring semesters.

3. In which languages is the test held?

The institutional language test is held in the following 8 foreign languages: English, German, French, Italian, Portuguese, Greek, Spanish and Turkish.

4. Is the institutional language test free of charge?

The institutional language test is free of charge for TSU students and staff.

5. What is the validity of the institutional language test results?

Institutional language test results are valid for one calendar year for the purpose of the exchange programs administered by TSU.

6. What is the maximum score of the test?

The test has a maximum score of 100.

7. What is the passing score for participating in the exchange programs administered by TSU?

A student is required to receive a minimum score of 71 in order to be able to participate in exchange programs.

8. Does TSU institutional language test replace the international language certificate if it is required as a mandatory document by a host university?

TSU institutional language test does not replace the international language certificate, if the latter is required as a mandatory document by a host university.

9. Is it possible to use the TSU institutional language test reference in international and exchange programs which are not administered by TSU?

No, the TSU institutional language test reference is valid only for the exchange and mobility programs administered by TSU.

10. Is the reference issued if a student passes the test (minimum score of 71)?

No, since the validity of the test is limited only for the programs administered by TSU, information of the results is transmitted to the program coordinators through the intranet and therefore, individual certificates are not issued.

11. Where are the results of institutional language test published?

Language test results will be published on TSU webpage.

12. When is it necessary to pass the institutional language test?

If a student does not have a valid international language certificate (received during the past 2 years, B2 level) and would like to participate in TSU administered exchange and/or mobility programs, s/he must pass the institutional language test.

13. Who can take the institutional language test?

Institutional language test can be taken by the following TSU students with active enrollment status:

- *Third, fourth, fifth and sixth semester BA students;*
- *First and second semester MA students,*
- *First, second, third and fourth semester PhD students. If the fifth and sixth semester doctoral student applying for the PhD exchange and/or mobility scholarship, is not able to finish his/her studies within six semesters (as required by applicable regulations) and has to extend his/her studies for an additional semester(s), s/he should submit a reference from the home faculty confirming the necessity of prolongation of the study semesters. In this case, s/he will be able to participate in exchange calls for applications (reference should be sent to reference@tsu.ge).*

14. Can an academic and administrative staff take an institutional language test?

Yes, they can.

15. How is the registration to the institutional language test done?

*Registration to the institutional language test can be made through the electronic registration system **mobility.tsu.ge**. The registration is made available two months prior to the test. Information about the institutional language test is published on TSU webpage (news section), several months before the test.*

16. If a student passes the institutional language test, e.g. in the fall semester, can s/he take the test in the spring semester?

Yes, s/he can. A student can participate in institutional language test in both semesters, however, it should be underlined that the latest result will be considered as a valid score.

17. Is it possible to take an institutional language test in several languages at the same time?

No, a student can pass the test in one foreign language each semester.

18. How long does the institutional language test last?

Institutional language test lasts for three hours.

19. Is it possible to book the date and time of the test individually?

No, the test is held once a semester, at a preliminarily determined address, on a preliminarily determined date and time in groups. It is not possible to pass the test individually.

20. Is it possible to appeal the results?

The results cannot be appealed; however, a written request can be made to get access to a copy of the test paper kept at TSU Examination Center.

21. Where does an institutional language test take place?

Institutional language test takes place at the University library (11, University str. Tbilisi).

22. What kind of document should the student present before the institutional language test starts?

Before starting the institutional language test, a student should present his/her identity card (ID card).

23. How can we get additional information on institutional language test?

Inquires related to the institutional language test should be addressed to reference@tsu.ge or contact the Department of Foreign Relations at TSU (address: building I, 1 floor, room 121).