International certificates accepted by the University Language Centre as valid for the ECS (European Credit System)

The following table of international certificates accepted as valid for the European Credit System was approved by the Teaching Committee of the University Language Centre on July 10 2018 and is valid from September 1 2018.

This table is different from the table regarding the International certificates accepted as entry requirements for degree programmes and courses at the CLA (University Language Centre), and international exchanges e.g. Erasmus, which can be found at the following link: https://www.cla.unitn.it/en/780/certificates-do-you-have-a-certificate.

For an international certificate to be considered valid for the European Credit System, it needs to have the following criteria:

1. The awarding body certifies all four skills and provides a grade for each skill.
2. The grade for each skill is shown on the certificate or on a separate supporting document, and each of the four skills is at the required level i.e. none of the four skills is below the stated level, even if the overall grade is at the stated level.
3. The expiry date for a certificate is five years after the award date. However, if the certificate has a shorter expiry date than five years, this shorter expiry date will apply.
4. The original certificate must be taken to the Academic and Student Support Services office in person. An electronic copy may be sent e.g. a .pdf file via apply, but this must correspond exactly to the original certificate. For precise details on how and when certificates can be presented, please check with the Academic and Student Support Services office.

Not all university departments use this table to accept credits. Therefore it is essential – and the responsibility of the student – to check that their Department, Faculty and/or degree programme recognises this table.

Extra information for students on the following courses:
- The School of International Studies sets extra restrictions on which language certificates it accepts. For information, please check with the person responsible for languages.
- The certificates accepted by the Department of Economics and Management, by the Department of Civil Environmental and Mechanical Engineering and by the Department of Sociology and Social Research are available in the website of the Departments.

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

This framework is an international standard set by the European Council. It provides a set of descriptors of linguistic competences which a language learner develops as s/he progresses in one or more languages. There are six levels of language competence (A1/A2, B1/B2, C1/C2), split into three main levels: Elementary (A), Intermediate (B), and Advanced (C).
1. In order for the certificate to be recognised by the CLA, the student must have passed the tests for each of the language skills: speaking, writing, listening and reading. If the student don’t pass the “Lexique et structures” part, the certificate is valid anyway (if it reaches the minimum grades required in the 4 skills).

*the grades for each skill are valid from 1 September 2022