

LANGUAGE POLICY

Enhancing language competence within the whole university community is one of the cornerstones of the Universidad Isabel I internationalisation plan.

We believe that language skills are essential for students to adapt to the European Higher Education Area. Therefore, language proficiency requirements will be among the selection criteria applied to all calls for mobility programmes, both as an incentive to mobility and to promote language competence among our students, as well as academic and administrative staff.

Our School of Languages offers courses in Spanish, English, German and Portuguese, from A1 to B2 levels. CEFR B1/B2 level will be an entry requirement to take part in a mobility programme. It can be achieved through our own courses (a final test must be passed to validate language competence) or certified by a renowned qualification (FCE, DELF, etc.).

The university is also aware of the Online Linguistic Support offered by the European Commission to participants in Erasmus + mobility activities to assess and improve their language skills. We believe it contributes to enhancing language competence to help participants achieve the Erasmus + objectives.

Universidad Isabel I fully understands that to be awarded the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education entails abiding by all its principles in order to enable high quality mobility. That implies ensuring that participants in mobility programmes fully qualify and have the required language proficiency level. For that, the university will provide language support services through the OLS or through other means backed by Organisational Support.

Students who are non-native speakers of one of the six languages offered by the OLS as their main mobility language will take advantage of OLS services. These students will be granted a license to take a compulsory language assessment test (prior to and after their mobility period).

Both sending institutions and students will receive the assessment results. After that, if deemed necessary by both parties, Universidad Isabel I will give students access to an online course.

Students whose main mobility language is not among those available for OLS may choose other kind of linguistic support. Universidad Isabel I will facilitate that language support to the best of its ability.