

## **Language Policy at the College of Professional Studies – International Centre of Professional Studies, Belgrade**

The language of instruction and examination at the International Center of Professional Studies (ICEPS) is Serbian on all study programmes, except on Bachelor study programme in Nursing that is available in both Serbian and English.

The minimum language requirement for incoming students at ICEPS studying in English is level B2 in CEFR: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/home>.

A number of our teaching staff has an adequate level of language proficiency in English (level B2 in CEFR) for teaching and assessing student's knowledge of the courses they have been entrusted with.

### **Full degree students**

#### **Studying in English**

International degree-seeking students applying for Bachelor study programme in Nursing must show the adequate level of language proficiency in English - level B2 in CEFR: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/home>.

Classes of Serbian are included in scholarship for a certain period to learn the basic things.

Enrolment details for studies in English are available here: <https://international.iceps.edu.rs/nursing-study-program-enrolment/>

#### **Studying in Serbian**

Foreign citizens who wish to study in Serbian will be required to pass the Serbian language test beforehand and get the certificate confirming the level of their Serbian. There is an extra fee for taking the test organised by ICEPS.

Enrolment details for studies in Serbian are available here: <https://medicina.iceps.edu.rs/buduci-studenti/>

### **Mobility projects - Erasmus+ programme**

#### **Incoming mobility**

For incoming participants required linguistic competences will be described in the open calls, and all parts (participants and their sending institutions) will be informed on the requirements. Sending institutions are in charge of arranging adequate linguistic support before leaving.

The potential participant can present certified evidence of their level of achievement or can send a proof of having passed a language exam as part of the curricula in their home institution at the required level. If a participant is unable to present such a proof, he/she is obliged to have a Skype interview so that their knowledge of English can be assessed by ICEPS.

Should incoming participants feel the need to improve on their language skills during the mobility, they can do so at ICEPS for a reduced fee.

Students on a KA131 Mobility Project have access to the Online Linguistic Support (OLS), a platform developed for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps participants: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/online-linguistic-support>.

OLS enables students to determine their proficiency in the language of instruction, but the results of the assessment do not prevent students from taking part in a programme. During mobility, students can continue improving their language skills through materials available on OLS.

Participants can also choose Serbian as the language of instruction and examination if they feel the Serbian language would not be a barrier to the successful completion of their activities. They will be required to pass the Serbian language test beforehand organised by ICEPS.

Taking exam in English, while following the course in Serbian, is possible, but it is important that students and teachers agree on this in advance.

The list of all courses is available on the website in the Courses Catalogue where students can find for each course the language of instruction: <https://international.iceps.edu.rs/courses-catalogue/>

For incoming students ICEPS organises lessons of Serbian language free of charge during a trial period with the possibility to continue with intensive course of Serbian at a discount price if requested.

### **Outgoing mobility**

Outgoing participants must show the adequate level of language proficiency for their mobility period abroad as per the open call eligibility criteria announced on the ICEPS website.

Participants may be required to show TOEFL/IELTS certificate for their exchange period abroad if requested by the receiving institution. It is the responsibility of the outgoing participant herself/himself as ICEPS is not an accredited examination centre for these certificates but ICEPS can assist students in providing the guidance on this matter.

Students participating in KA131 Mobility Project must take a language assessment before going abroad on the platform Online Linguistic Support (OLS): <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/online-linguistic-support>.

OLS enables students to determine their proficiency in the language of instruction, but the results of the assessment do not prevent students from taking part in a programme. During mobility, students can continue improving their language skills through materials available on OLS.

After mobility period ends, students take the final assessment on OLS to measure the progress they made during their stay abroad.

For students participating in KA171 Mobility Project and for staff ICEPS can organise preparatory language courses if needed before departure.

### **Language skills improvement**

During studies students can choose either English or German at ICEPS as elective courses and, in this way, improve their language skills and learn vocabulary from their professional field.

The list of available courses is available in the Courses Catalogue: <https://international.iceps.edu.rs/courses-catalogue/>

ICEPS can organise individual or group courses of any language for both incoming and outgoing students and staff who want to take intensive language courses or for those who have not attained the minimum language proficiency required by the receiving institution or wish to further improve their language skills.

Furthermore, students can also benefit from our Buddy network that is managed by the Erasmus Student Network Serbia where a host institution member fluent in English or any other foreign language can use this language with the guest member. The scheme will not only help the guest participant to integrate into the local community and learn about the host country culture but will also provide opportunities to both members to practice a language.

For further questions, students are advised to contact International Relations Office.