

PREPARATORY CLASS PROFICIENCY EXAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



The proficiency exam for YÖS, international students in the departments of our university where the language of instruction is English will be held on the 5th and 6th of November 2024 at the İzmir Demokrasi University ULUCAK CAMPUS SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES building.

The exam will be held only for international students who have not taken other preparatory proficiency exams held in the 2024-2025 academic year.

- The exam will be conducted in two stages. Only students who score 65 or higher in the first stage will be eligible to take the second stage. In summary, the exam dates and times are as follows:
 - First stage (multiple-choice section): On 05.11.2024, from 10:00 to 12:30 at İzmir Demokrasi University ULUCAK CAMPUS SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES;
 - Second stage (writing section): On 06.11.2024, from 10:00 to 10:45 at İzmir Demokrasi University ULUCAK CAMPUS SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES;
 - Second stage (speaking section): The speaking exam will start at 11:30 on 06.11.2024 and will be conducted at ULUCAK CAMPUS SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES building during individual appointments. Please follow our website (ydyo.idu.edu.tr) and the noticeboard at the entrance of the School of Foreign Languages for updates.

Exam Details:

1. **First Stage:** Consists of 80 multiple-choice questions covering Listening, Reading, and Use of English. This stage will begin at 10:00 on 5th of November 2024 and will last 150 minutes. You can visit our website for sample questions: <https://ydyo.idu.edu.tr/contb.aspx?No=3413>
2. **Second Stage:** All students who pass the first stage (with a score of 65 or higher) will be eligible to take the second stage (writing and speaking sections) on 6th of November 2024.

Information on the students who advance to the second stage and exam room assignments will be shared on the ydyo.idu.edu.tr website on 5th of November 2024. The writing exam on 6th November 2024 will last 45 minutes, and students are expected to write an essay on a given topic. In the speaking exam, students will be taken individually, and they will be expected to describe a picture in the first part and speak on a given topic in the second part.

Evaluation: The two-stage exemption exam also serves as a placement test. Each stage is graded out of 100 points. In the second stage, the writing section is scored out of 50 points, and the speaking section is also scored out of 50 points. To be exempt from the preparatory education at İzmir Demokrasi University, students of the English Language Teaching and English Language and Literature departments must have an average score of 80 or higher, while students from other departments must have an average score of 70 or higher.

For example, an Architecture student who scores 75 in the first stage and 71 in the second stage will have $75+71= 146/2 = 73$ points and will be exempt. For example, an Architecture student who scores 75 in the first stage and 60 in the second stage will have $75+60 = 135/2 = 67.5$ points and will not be exempt, starting their education at the Intermediate level.

- The exemption exam will also be used as a placement test, so it is important for students to answer the questions accordingly. It is necessary for you to take this exam to ensure you are placed in the correct level class. Students who are placed in the university with a foreign language score and do not take the exemption exam will start their education at the advanced level (Intermediate). Students from other departments who do not take the exam will start their education at the basic level (Elementary).

- Students who score at least 80 out of 100 for the English Language Teaching and English Language and Literature departments, and at least 70 out of 100 for other programs at which the medium of instruction is English, will be exempt from the compulsory preparatory class and will begin their studies in the program they are enrolled in.

Important Points for Students Before the Exam:

- **Students must present photo ID (ID CARDS OR PASSPORT)**
- Students must bring their own stationery supplies (pencil, eraser, sharpener, etc.).
- Students must be present in the building at least 1 hour before the exam (09:00).
- Students must not have mobile phones with them during the exam.

Make sure to mark your student number on the optical forms. You can find your student number by clicking the "Click here to learn your student number" button after logging into OBS. If the link does not work, you can copy and paste the following link into another browser:

https://obs.idu.edu.tr/oibs/ogrsis/no_query.aspx

Departments that accept students with foreign language scores		Departments at which the medium of instruction is English	
Exam	Score	Exam	Score
TOEFL (IBT)	90	TOEFL (IBT)	84
CAE	A	CAE	B
CPE	B	CPE	C
PTE-Academic	65	PTE-Academic	59
YDS/e-YDS/YÖKDİL	80	YDS/e-YDS/YÖKDİL	70

• Students who have obtained the required score from any of the exams shown in the table above may be exempted from the preparatory training and might be able to start their departmental courses, provided they submit their exam result documents to the Foreign Languages School Directorate (Ulucak Campus, to the responsible officer Özlem Şahan) by the end of the Add/Drop week and get the approval of the administration. Those exam scores will be accepted only if they have been taken from state universities. For further details, you can check our website: <https://idu.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/IZMIR-DEMOKRASI-UNIVERSITESI-YABANCI-DILLER-YO-UYGULAMA-ESASLARI-1.pdf>

Exam Rules:

- The exam will last 150 minutes. Students who arrive more than 15 minutes after the listening section has ended will not be allowed to enter the exam (they may only enter within the first 15 minutes after the listening section ends).
- Students cannot leave the exam room under any circumstances within the first 45 minutes. The last two students must wait for each other.
- Food and drink (except water) are prohibited.
- Do not share or request stationery supplies (pen, eraser, etc.).
- No toilet breaks.
- Talking or disturbing others during the exam is prohibited.

We wish all our students a successful and healthy academic year.

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