

English Language and Linguistics
Information for Incoming Erasmus Students

The Faculty of Humanities of the University of Cagliari offers **First Degree Courses** (BA) and **Master's Degree Courses** (MA) in Modern Languages and Literature, which include the following exams of English Language:

1. Lingua Inglese 1 (BA) (B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages);
2. Lingua Inglese 2 (BA) (B2 level of the CEFR);
3. Lingua Inglese 3 (BA) (B2-C1 level of the CEFR);
4. Lingua Inglese 4 (MA) (C1 level of the CEFR);
5. Lingua Inglese 5 (MA) (C2 level of the CEFR).

All the exams of English Language are composed of **two modules**: a practical part, or general English (Esercitazioni), and a theoretical part, or English linguistics. The practical part is taught from October to May (first and second teaching semesters), the theoretical part of Prof Virdis' courses is taught from October to December (first semester only). Attending lectures and classes is not compulsory but is highly recommended.

All information about the modules, their syllabi and their timetable can be found on the Faculty website

(https://unica.esse3.cineca.it/Guide/PaginaFacolta.do?jsessionId=04BEFCB40F64CEFD22BE659042290490.esse3-unica-prod-04?cod_lingua=eng&fac_id=10066). For the **syllabi**, students should visit <https://unica.esse3.cineca.it/Guide/PaginaRicercaInse.do?statoRicerca=INIZIO>; they can also visit <https://unica.esse3.cineca.it/Guide/PaginaRicercaDocenti.do?statoRicerca=INIZIO> and select the relevant lecturer's name. For the **timetable**, go to https://www.unica.it/unica/it/fac_studiumanistici.page > Calendari e orari.

In order for students to pass an English Language exam and gain their ECTS, they must take and pass **two different tests**: a written test concerning general English, and an oral test regarding English linguistics. Passing one of the two tests only will not give the students any ECTS.

Students must take and pass **first the written test, subsequently the oral test**. If they do not pass the written test, they will not be allowed to take the oral test. In case students wish to take two different English Language exams (e.g., Lingua Inglese 2 and Lingua Inglese 3), they must pass both parts of the lower-level exam before taking the written test of the higher-level exam. For instance, students could take and pass the Lingua Inglese 2 written test in the exam session at the beginning of January, and the relevant oral test at the end of the same month. Subsequently, they could take and pass the Lingua Inglese 3 written test in the exam session at the beginning of February, and the relevant oral test at the end of the same month.

Registering in both parts of an exam is compulsory. The online registration tool and all the information about the **dates** of the exams can be found on the ESSE3 online system. To access the exam dates, students should go to <https://unica.esse3.cineca.it/Guide/PaginaListaAppelli.do>; to register, students should access the ESSE3 online system. A written test is denoted by a red icon, an oral test by a 'planet Earth' icon.

Written and oral language tests take place during **six exam sessions**, usually in January, February, May, July, June and September. Erasmus students are allowed to take their exams during any of the six exam sessions. The **syllabus** examined in the tests is the same in all the exam sessions. This means that, if a student spends only one teaching semester in Cagliari, they will have to study on their own the syllabus taught in the other teaching semester.