



The USEK language policy reflects the University's mission and strategic plan and represents, in part, USEK's identity as an American-style university. It is made to raise awareness among the university community to achieve standardized use of language and to promote the plurilingualism of the university.

### Teaching and Learning

The language proficiency requirements and languages of instruction are defined based on the program language delivery for which the applicant is applying: Hybrid (offered in French and English) and English<sup>1</sup>.

### Students

All students must take a mandatory English language placement exam or equivalent (SAT or TOEFL) upon entrance to the university<sup>2</sup>. Students who do not exhibit a basic command of English must improve their English language ability, either by completing one or more remedial courses, or through independent means of improvement. Remedial English language courses shall not count towards any degree requirements, nor towards general education requirements.

Students, both undergraduate and graduate, are expected to exhibit competency in English, and specifically, should show excellent command of technical and professional terminology in English.

- For undergraduates, evidence of English language competency will come from successful completion of the English Communication general education course.
- For graduate students, evidence of English language competency will come from the student's thesis, dissertation, or capstone project, which will be written in English.

### Faculty

Faculty members are strictly required to abide by the predefined teaching language of the course while lecturing, preparing course material, designing activities, providing feedback and in all other teaching approaches that have proven to be particularly effective in enhancing students' language proficiency.

Thus, faculty members are invited to play a key role in providing learners with the opportunity to communicate ideas and arguments through clear writing and speech and, consequently, to develop their language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing).

### Research and Publications

All programs' related publications must be available in English and the language of delivery (if hybrid). The official University Catalogue is made in English.

All research projects and publications made by faculty members shall include an abstract in English.

### Internal and External Communication

English is the official language of the University. All official University internal communication and documentation will be in English.

External communication tools are managed according to the fit for purpose principles.

### Administrators and Senior Staff

All directors, vice-directors, senior officers and staff must demonstrate an adequate level of proficiency in English, in terms of writing, comprehension and speaking skills and consequently abide by the University's internal and external communication instruction, as stated above.

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<sup>1</sup> The Arabic language is defined by exception for specific majors at which the native language is at their core (Law, theology, etc.)

<sup>2</sup> Refer to the University Admission Policy available in the Academic Rules and Regulations.