



CYPRUS AYDIN UNIVERSITY

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ENGLISH PREPARATORY SCHOOL
LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY POLICY

1. Purpose

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School provides a language education system based on internationally recognized standards to support students' academic success, help them develop effective communication skills, promote lifelong language learning, and prepare them to participate successfully in the global academic environment.

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School implements a comprehensive language education system consisting of well-structured curricula, a valid and reliable assessment and evaluation system, contemporary teaching approaches, quality assurance processes, and continuous professional development practices. Through this approach, the School aims to equip students with the language competencies they will need throughout their academic studies and professional careers.

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School creates opportunities not only for its students but also for the University's academic and administrative staff to develop their language proficiency at internationally recognized and acceptable standards.

2. Scope

This policy covers all language education activities carried out by the English Preparatory School and applies to the following stakeholders:

- Preparatory School students,
- Academic staff,
- Administrative staff,
- Students participating in language development programmes offered across the University.

3. Guiding Principles

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School delivers language education based on the following principles:

- Compliance with internationally recognized language education standards,
- Transparency and fairness in teaching and assessment processes,
- Continuous quality improvement,

- Student-centred education,
- Support for lifelong language learning,
- Effective use of educational technologies,
- Intercultural communication and global awareness,
- Equal access to language learning opportunities for all individuals.

4. Curriculum Based on International Standards

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School implements an English language curriculum fully aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and the Global Scale of English (GSE).

Programme learning outcomes, course content, teaching processes, assessment practices, and student progression are systematically designed in accordance with CEFR and GSE descriptors.

The curriculum is regularly reviewed and improved in line with current developments in English language teaching, international standards, stakeholder feedback, and quality assurance processes.

5. Assessment, Evaluation and Certification System

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School implements a comprehensive assessment, evaluation, certification, and examination system based on internationally accepted principles of language assessment.

At the end of the education programme, the English Preparatory School of Cyprus Aydın University graduates its students by administering an independent English language proficiency examination with international recognition. This practice enables students to continue their academic and professional careers with an internationally recognized qualification.

The examinations administered throughout the levels of the English Preparatory School of Cyprus Aydın University are prepared by an independent Testing and Assessment Unit within a standardized assessment framework aligned with CEFR and GSE and are designed to measure students' language proficiency accurately, reliably, and objectively.

Assessment and evaluation processes are carried out in accordance with the principles of validity, reliability, fairness, transparency, consistency, and comparability.

Students who successfully complete the programme are awarded certification based on a certification system aligned with CEFR and GSE learning outcomes. This certification process is supported by internationally accepted score interpretation and certificate verification procedures, strengthening the reliability, transparency, and international recognition of students' language proficiency.

6. EAQUALS Accreditation and Quality Assurance

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School holds EAQUALS (Evaluation and Accreditation of Quality in Language Services) accreditation, which confirms compliance with internationally recognized quality standards in language education. This accreditation is valid until 2030.

The accreditation covers all academic and administrative operations of the School, including curriculum design, assessment and evaluation systems, academic management, teaching quality, student support services, professional development activities, quality assurance processes, and institutional management.

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School ensures the sustainability of these standards through regular monitoring, internal evaluation, evidence-based decision-making, and continuous improvement practices.

7. IELTS Test Centre

As an authorized IELTS Test Centre, Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School provides students, graduates, academic and administrative staff, as well as external candidates, with direct access to one of the world's most widely recognized English language proficiency examinations.

8. Technology-Supported Language Education

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School uses educational technologies as an integral part of its teaching processes in line with the requirements of contemporary language education.

Computer-assisted language learning, digital learning platforms, interactive educational technologies, online assessment systems, and current educational technologies are integrated into teaching processes to support the development of both students' language proficiency and digital skills. The integration of technology is reviewed regularly in line with current developments in language education.

9. Lifelong Language Learning

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School recognizes that language learning is not limited to the Preparatory Programme and carries out practices that support lifelong learning across the University.

Within this framework, free certified English language courses at different proficiency levels are offered every academic semester. These courses are open to undergraduate and graduate students as well as academic and administrative staff.

10. Multicultural Learning Environment

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School provides an inclusive learning environment where students from different countries, cultures, and linguistic backgrounds study together.

Cultural diversity is regarded as an essential part of language learning, and academic and social activities that support the development of students' intercultural communication skills are encouraged.

Through cultural events and international awareness activities organized by Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School, the School aims to help students develop a global perspective and strengthen intercultural interaction.

11. English Club and Language Development Activities

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School organizes English Club activities open to all university students, academic staff, and administrative staff to support both classroom and out-of-class learning.

These activities aim to provide participants with opportunities to use English in authentic communication settings, improve their communication skills, increase their confidence in using English, and encourage English to become a natural part of daily academic life.

Through these activities, the School aims to promote a sustainable language learning culture across the University.

12. Teaching Materials

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School uses original teaching materials developed by globally recognized educational publishers in its teaching processes.

Teaching materials are selected in line with the curriculum, CEFR and GSE learning outcomes, and international language teaching standards and are supported with authentic and digital resources whenever appropriate.

13. Continuous Professional Development

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School considers the continuous professional development of its academic staff as one of the key elements in maintaining educational quality.

Accordingly, more than ten in-service training and professional development activities are organized each academic semester by national and international experts in English language teaching, assessment and evaluation, curriculum development, educational technologies, artificial intelligence-supported teaching practices, and current teaching approaches.

Through these activities, the School aims to continuously improve the professional competencies of its instructors and maintain educational quality in line with international standards.

14. Responsibilities

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School is responsible for implementing this policy.

Cyprus Aydın University English Preparatory School is responsible for maintaining the quality and relevance of its curriculum, implementing the assessment and evaluation system effectively, sustaining quality assurance processes, supporting professional development activities, and planning, implementing, and monitoring practices that promote language learning throughout the University.