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General Proficiency Level Assessment Guidelines for all languages taught at the academic level (including mother tongue) (based on the Common European Framework of Reference for languages and departmental core skills analyses)

THE LANGUAGE LEARNER ...

	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Reading	Writing	Communication strategies
A2	can cope with simple social encounters and routine-like conversations.	field	can read very short or popularized texts in his/her own field in the target language and, using dictionaries and other kinds of reference materials, can identify some main points in the text.	can write short and simple messages and very basic descriptions of e.g. personal experiences.	can ask for his/her turn in a conversationcan ask for clarification in a simple mannercan indicate his/her understanding in a conversation.
B1	can communicate and usually make him/herself understood in general, and in some specific situations related to his/her own fieldcan participate, and even initiate, in familiar interaction situations	can tell a story, e.g. the plot of a book or a filmcan give a short, prepared presentation on a topic of personal interest in his/her own field using basic field-specific terminologycan pronounce so that it is usually understandable for others, although some	can find and understand the basic main points in a selected text from his/her own academic field masters the basic core vocabulary of his/her own academic or professional field needed to fulfill a specific task.	basically coherent and	can indicate through repetition that he/she has understood the discussion and can ask for clarification when neededcan use compensation strategies and request repair for his/her vocabulary choicecan follow a



	can follow a well- structured and signposted presentation can demonstrate understanding of simple culture-bound conversational communication rules	traces from other language pronunciations might interfereuses the basic structures of the language reasonably well, although there are still problems with the more formal register.		vocabulary needed to cope with the basic demands of his/her professionmasters the basic structures of the language reasonably well.	conversation if not overly idiomatic in nature
B2	can participate and communicate fluently and appropriately in even more demanding interactive situations related to study and working lifeshows the skill to react to what is required by the situationcan follow extended, clearly structured talks and lines of argumentattends to the most common norms of intercultural communication.	can summarize in his/her own words the contents of news, interviews and other sources of informationcan explore topics related to his/her own academic field from different perspectivescan give a carefully prepared presentation on an academic subjectcan demonstrate argumentation skillsmay be occasionally inaccurate in pronunciation and use of structures.	understands and can summarize the main points of a text and read with relative ease texts from his/her own or related academic fieldcan use appropriate reading strategies and techniques and make use of dictionaries and other assistive tools understands discipline-specific and cultural features of textscan differentiate between facts and opinions in a text.	can produce with relative expertise various kinds of texts in his/her own fieldcan produce a wide range of documents required by working lifecan write relatively fluent, well structured and critically substantiated texts, and use quite versatile vocabulary and reasonably accurate structurescan use sources quite appropriately, including proper citation and referencing and avoidance of plagiarism, although some inconsistencies may still appear.	knows how to play for time in order to keep his/her turn and to formulate his/her speechcan monitor his/her own speech, identify the most common mistakes and repair them when neededcan follow and use idiomatic expressions, very rarely impeding comprehensioncan differentiate varying levels of formality
C1	can communicate fluently and accurately in various kinds of	can give a well-structured presentation with fluent and versatile signposting	can understand and summarize the details of even extensive scientific	can follow the basic conventions and degrees of formality used in	can use versatile, context-appropriate expressions to maintain



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	demanding, field- specific situationsinitiates and participates in even demanding interactive contexts effectivelycan use field-specific and intercultural conventions and appropriate stylecan easily follow most lectures and discussions in his/her academic or professional field.	outline and elaborate on complex topics in his/her field	textscan read and search for information critically and evaluate the reliability of a wide range of textsunderstands without effort research texts and special terminology in his/her academic fieldcan identify possible cultural elements also in research writing.	research writing in his/her academic fieldcan write relatively fluent and clearly structured texts on complex subjects with very few language mistakescan evaluate, use and interpret sources in an appropriate way, incorporate information in his/her own writing	and obtain a turncan integrate his/her turn in the discussions in the manner required by the situationcan use circumlocutions for lexical items forgotten without the interlocutor paying attention to it.
C2	can follow lectures and conversations in field-specific genres outside of his/her own fieldcan produce clear, fluent, well-structured speech which accommodates the listener, leaving the listener the ability to recognize and remember the most important points of the conversation	can conduct a well-structured, fluent, idiomatic and convincing presentation that takes the audience into considerationuses fluent and accurate pronunciation, intonation and grammar structures	texts across fieldscomprehends various	masters the discourse conventions and style of the research writing in his/her academic fieldcan structure and focus his/her own writing into a logical and clear wholeuses the language in a varied, fluent and accurate way resulting in a good flow.	can use versatile, context-appropriate expressions to maintain and obtain a turn in challenging or even hostile situationscan manage target language dialectical variances and nuancescan take command of turn-taking situations