

English Philology

STATE EXAM – written

GOALS of quality assessment of students' philological competence

We aim at assessment that:

- guides and encourages effective and innovative approaches to teaching/ learning;
- validly and reliably measures expected learning outcomes, in particular, the higher order knowledge and skills characterizing tertiary education;
- aims to assess students' overall course attainment, i.e. an integrated competence of all subject areas covered during the course of studies;
- focuses on assessment of students' ability to apply subject-specific knowledge and skills to practice;
- pursues high academic standards.

FORMAT

The exam consists of the following components:

Language

- Translation from English into Bulgarian – a text of approximately 20 lines
- Translation from Bulgarian into English - a text of approximately 20 lines

N.B. Foreign students who are non-native speakers of Bulgarian can choose between doing (a) translation (English - Bulgarian and Bulgarian - English), or (b) two substitute language tests (Test 1 in the morning and Test 2 in the afternoon) in general and academic English based on their academic courses.

Analytical part:

- Linguistics – text-based analysis of language problems /categories related to the linguistic disciplines studied during the course of studies;
- Literature and culture – text-based analysis of literature / culture issues from the disciplines studied during the course of studies.

ADMINISTRATION

Two sessions of four academic hours each:

Morning session – 9.00 – 11.40

Translation from English into Bulgarian – 9.00 – 10.00

The Literature/ culture component – 10.00 – 11.40

Afternoon session – 13.00 – 15.30

Translation from Bulgarian into English – 13.00 – 14.00

The Linguistic component – 13.00 – 15.30

NB: This is an integrated exam and students are required to do all components on the same day. Each student is required to submit all the components of the exam: two translations and two analytical components. Failure to do so results in failure to pass.