

HELA. Higher Education Lecturing Accreditation

Accreditation test for lecturing staff who teach in English

The University of Vigo's Plan for Linguistic Internationalisation (2013) states that lecturers imparting subjects in a foreign language must have B2 level accreditation or higher.

HELA is a specific test created by the University of Vigo in collaboration with the Language Centre to assess whether lecturers who lack official language accreditation do in fact possess the linguistic skills needed in order to teach in a foreign language successfully. It evaluates their mastery of the language, as well as fluency, communication skills, oral presentations, and the capacity to interact with students.

Structure of the test:

The test has two parts: one written and one oral. Both of them require the candidate to answer or give exposition in exercises linked to teaching activity, such as giving a presentation on a specific subject, replying to an email or explaining an exam.

Exam dates

HELA is held when requested by the Centres that inform the University Extension and International Relations Office of their intention to impart a subject or group of subjects in English.

Additional information

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