

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND ADMISSION CRITERIA

[Source: Official Degree Statement, Section 4.2, pp. 7-8.]

ENTRY PATHS:

The Royal Decree number 861/2010 of July 2 indicates that:

For admission to the official teaching course of the Masters, applicants must be in possession of an official Spanish university degree, or one issued by a higher education institution from another Member State of the European Higher Education Area which entitles the holder to access to a masters course.

Hence, access to the *Inter-university Master in Advanced English Studies and Its Applications* is open to any student who has successfully completed a Bachelors degree in the field of the Arts and Humanities, whether the degree itself is from a Spanish institution or is issued by another institution within the European Higher Education Area.

Access for qualified foreign students will be in accordance with article 3.2 of RD56/2005, article 16 of RD 1393/2007 and its modification in RD 861/2010.

Likewise, access is granted to graduates from educational systems outside the EEES without the need for the formal accreditation of their degrees, subject to prior verification by the Academic Committee of the Masters and by those universities involved that the accredited level of education is equivalent to the corresponding official Spanish university degree, and that in the issuing country the degree in question authorizes access to postgraduate training.

Any application to the Masters by a student who has completed a degree in a different branch of the Humanities will be considered, and when appropriate accepted, by the Academic Committee of the Master.

Students who pursue studies in a masters degree but who do not have the right to the degree itself may request a certification of attendance for these studies.

RECOMENDED PROFILE FOR APPLICANTS:

The personal characteristics (understanding, specific areas of ability, skills) and academic capabilities of those considered the most appropriate to begin the *Inter-university Master in Advanced English Studies and Its Applications* are:

1. a deep curiosity about, and understanding of, research into the language, literature and cultural manifestations of Anglophone societies;
2. advanced linguistic and literary knowledge of the English language, in its various forms and contexts;
3. a capacity for comprehension, as well as levels of oral and written expression in English at or equivalent to C1 (effective operational proficiency) according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;
4. an appreciation of communication as a complex phenomenon in a changing and dynamic society;
5. a sensitivity to the need for cultural diversity;

6. skills in the handling of tools for the access to and use of information;
7. a capacity for independent work.

In addition to the above, the profile for the selection of applicants, in order of priority, will be as follows:

1. Graduates and those with comparable university degrees' in English Philology / English Studies.
2. Graduates and those with comparable university degrees' in other Philologies and Languages, and in Linguistics.
3. Graduates and those with comparable university degrees' in Translation and Interpretation Studies; in the Humanities and in Sociology.
4. Graduates and those with comparable university degrees' in other courses (with accredited levels of written and spoken English at an advanced level).

Preferential access to the Masters will be given to those who can show that they are in possession of a BA or BA Honours degree in English Philology, English Studies, English Language, Literature and Culture, English Linguistics or similar.

Access to the Masters program is also open to those who can show that they are in possession of a degree equivalent to a BA or BA Honours in the area of linguistic or literary studies, or proof of having completed a total of 240 credits on degree courses with these characteristics, as well as advanced knowledge of written and spoken English.

Also, access is open to those applicants who are in possession of the Diploma of Advanced Studies (DEA) or *Suficiencia Investigadora* (research competence) in the areas of English Philology, Philology, Translation and Interpretation, the Humanities; and, when having provided proof of advanced knowledge of the English language, those who are in possession of the Diploma of Advanced Studies (DEA) or *Suficiencia Investigadora* (research competence) for research in Communication, Social Science and Sociology, Political Science and Administration, Masters in Early Education, Masters in Primary Education, Social Education and Pedagogy, History and Philosophy.

Each of the three universities involved has approved the pertinent regulations of the Official Postgraduate Studies programme: USC (approved by the Governing Council on June 6, 2006), UDC (approved by the Governing Council on June 30, 2011, with the modifications set out in RD 851/2010 RD) and UVigo (approved by the Governing Council on March 1, 2007). In these regulations, the three universities follow the principles of objectivity, impartiality, merit and ability for the access of students to the various degrees offered. In addition, the universities themselves determine annually the deadlines for applications to postgraduate courses.