



# Ph.D. Language Exam

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Doctoral Studies of the University of Szeged, the Ph.D. Language Exam is offered to Ph.D. students of the University, allowing them to obtain a B1 level language certificate in various languages.

The exam is developed and organised by the University of Szeged Foreign Language Centre. A bilingual version of the exam is recommended to students whose native language is Hungarian, while foreign students who do not speak Hungarian can take a monolingual exam. Available languages are English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Russian, and Spanish.

Upon successful completion of the exam, a Certificate is issued by the Foreign Language Centre.

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## 1. Exam tasks

### 1.1. Written part

Skill	Task type	Allocated time
Reading comprehension	The test contains two texts (app. 3500 characters altogether) with accompanying reading comprehension tasks (comprehension questions, multiple choice questions, true/false questions, information transfer tasks). Candidates complete the above tasks with the help of a dictionary.	90 min

### 1.2 Oral part

Skill	Task type	Allocated time	
Conversation	Conversation focusing on the candidate's PhD studies	6-7 min	Total: 15 min
Sustained monologue	Picture description and monologue based on a photograph connected with the exam topics	3-4 min	
Role play	Conversation based on a role-play card	3-5 min	



## 2. Marking criteria

<b>Oral part</b>	
Communication	15 points
Language	5 points
Vocabulary	10 points
<b>Written part</b>	
Reading comprehension: Task 1	15 points
Reading comprehension: Task 2	15 points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60 points</b>

The evaluation of the exam is done by scoring.

To pass the exam, a candidate must obtain 40% of the available points in both the oral and written parts (12 points) and 60% of the available points in total (36 points).

## 3. Exam topics

1. Introducing oneself (personal details, academic and professional activities)
2. Work (employment, career, job interviews)
3. Education (language learning, professional training courses, lifelong learning)
4. Making phone calls (making an appointment for a job interview or a personal meeting, taking messages, asking for information in official matters)
5. Accommodation (staying at a hotel, using hotel services, renting a flat)
6. Cultural events (sightseeing, exhibitions, museums, theatres, concerts)
7. Traffic (public transport, driving)
8. Travelling in the country and abroad (travelling by train, plane and car; buying a ticket; asking for travel information; renting a car)
9. Free time (sport, hobbies, cinemas, excursions, media)
10. Weather (daily weather, seasons)
11. Health (general well-being, common illnesses)
12. Services (at the post office, bank, police and consulate)
13. Food (cafés, canteens, restaurants and buffets)



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## 4. Exam dates and registration

Upcoming exam dates are published at <http://www.lingo.u-szeged.hu/language-examinations>.

Students can register for the exam by filling in an online registration form: <http://www.lingo.u-szeged.hu/phd-language-exam-registration-form>.

Exam fee: HUF 25,000

If a candidate fails either part of the exam, they may retake the failed part for a fee of HUF 15,000.

## 5. Preparation course

Before each exam date, the Foreign Language Centre organises a three-week long (12 contact hours) exam preparation course.

Course dates are published at <http://www.lingo.u-szeged.hu/tanfolyamnaptar>.

Course fee: HUF 18,000

## 6. Rescheduling

Applicants may request their examination to be rescheduled to a later exam date only once and at least one week before the exam.

Rescheduling fee: HUF 4,000

## 7. Certificates

Certificates are available in two to three weeks after the exam date and are only issued if the candidate passes the complex exam.

Certificate fee for further copies: HUF 3,000