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1. What is the Exit Exam (Preparatory Programme Exit Exam)?

Exit Exam, also known as the Preparatory Programme Exit Exam, is a proficiency exam that assesses the English level of the SFL students in four main areas.

- A. Reading Exam: (25%) is a multiple choice exam.
- B. Listening Exam: (25%) is a multiple choice exam.
- C. Writing Exam: (25%) is a response essay writing based on a given text.
- D. Speaking Exam: (25%) is given on a different day.

The exam is administered twice per academic year and once after the summer school.

- The exam which is administered at the end of the fall semester is called the “**Early Exit**”,
- the one at the end of the spring semester is called “**Exit**”.
- After the summer school, students can sit another exam which is called the “**Summer Exit**”.

2. What should I do in order to sit the Exit Exam?

You should meet all the requirements and study very hard. Below are the requirements:

- a) Minimum 85% attendance.
- b) Meeting the classroom requirements such as having classroom materials and books, attending and participating in classes, completing assignments, projects and presentations, sitting all required exams: quizzes, midterms and finals.
- c) Having a high enough academic average. (It is very important to attend the classes regularly to earn a high academic average.)

3. Is a 70% passing score on the Exit Exam enough to complete the Preparatory Programme?

No. Academic Average is also important.

4. What is Academic Average and how is it calculated?

Academic average is the average of the three main lessons (Reading and Writing, Listening and Speaking, and Core). The weighting of each lesson is calculated according to the weekly class hours of each class.

5. How important is my academic average?

Prep Programme students’ academic averages are as important as the Exit Exam grades. The ability of the student to pass the preparatory program is based on 50% of the Exit Exam score and 50% of the academic average.

6. What is the absence criteria?

Işık University Prep Program requires regular attendance. For this reason, students must attend minimum 85% of their classes. The absenteeism limit is 15% of the total course hours. (For example, if the total number of hours in one semester is 300, the student must attend at least 255 hours of class.)

7. Will the absences from the first semester be reset in the second semester?

No. Absenteeism is calculated across the whole year. Since the Track 3 program is a one semester program, ONLY T3 students' absences are calculated on a one-semester basis.

8. Will the academic averages of the first semester be reset in the second semester?

No. The academic achievement of a student is calculated for one whole academic year because our programs are designed on a 4-Module system (1 academic year). Since the Track 3 program is a one-semester program, ONLY the academic averages of T3 students are calculated on a semester basis.

9. If I bring a health report, will my absenteeism be deleted?

No. In case a student is too ill to attend the course, the student must definitely go to a health institution and be treated. The report given to the student at the end of this medical check is a document showing why the student could not attend the class. This document does not justify the student as "present" in the attendance register and does not exempt the student from any lessons.

The medical reports obtained from the appropriate institutions give the student the right to attend a "make-up" exam in the event that the student misses a MIDTERM or a FINAL exam. The student who wants to take a make-up exam should submit the report to the program coordinator within three working days following the exam. (Students should ask the SFL Secretary regarding appropriate institutions).

10. Can I get a "Make-Up Quiz" if I miss a quiz?

No. If the student missed an "in-class quiz", there is no make-up.

If the student participates in any of the sports teams of our university and has participated in a competition during the exam time, he/she may take a make-up MIDTERM or FINAL. For this, the student must bring a petition from the Director of the Sports Department.

11. Can anyone join Summer School?

No. In order to register for the Summer School, it is necessary to fulfill the following prerequisites. Students who have failed the Exit Exams at the end of the Spring semester, but have fulfilled the attendance requirement of 85% or have an academic average of at least 60, can apply to SFL and participate in the Preparatory Summer School program.

12. Do I have to take the Exit, or can I bring the scores of other international English exams?

Students may also be exempted from the preparatory program by obtaining the required score from internationally recognized English proficiency exams. Exam scores from other universities are not accepted as proof of English proficiency. The examinations and scores accepted by our university are as follows:

- **TOEFL** score of IBT 80 / CBT 220 / PBT 560 or above taken in the last 2 years OR
- a score of 70 or above from **ÜDS / YDS / e-YDS** in the last 5 years OR
- a score of 71 or above from **PTE Academic** in the last 2 years

Students who meet one of these requirements are eligible to start in their departments directly.

** These scores are valid starting in 2022-2023 academic year.*

** TOEFL and PTE Academic are valid for 2 years, ÜDS / YDS / e-YDS are valid for 5 years.*

** Students who transfer between Işık University English language programs do not take the Placement, Proficiency and Exemption exams.*

13. How can I study more efficiently?

First of all, the student must demonstrate willingness and enthusiasm. It is important to establish a suitable study routine that aligns with your lifestyle and commitments. Implement a consistent study system to ensure regular learning. Take advantage of office hours offered by your teachers to seek clarification on subjects that you find challenging or where you are falling behind. Our university has implemented various support facilities for our students, which can be accessed at:

www.isikun.edu.tr/akademik/sfl