

# The Plan of Action for Multilingualism at Pompeu Fabra University: implementation, action, results

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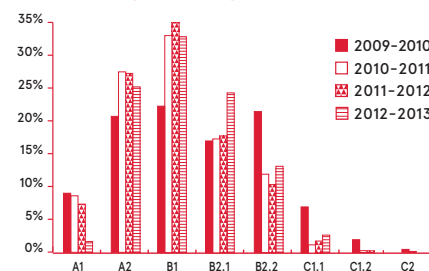
In 2007 Pompeu Fabra University (UPF) approved its first Plan of Action for Multilingualism (PAM), to cater for the University's need of a consistent language policy that would cover all aspects of academic life. The Plan has enabled UPF to consolidate and renew its language policy, to gain international outreach for Catalan as the University's official language, to reinforce the role of English as a third language for all Bachelor's students, and to promote Spanish as both an academic language for national students and a language of interest for UPF's growing numbers of international students.

This poster presents the actions undertaken under the PAM framework, and includes information related to the tests implemented to diagnose or certify language proficiency, to the languages of instruction in UPF degrees, and to the languages used in doctoral dissertations.

## LANGUAGE DIAGNOSTIC AND PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATION TESTS

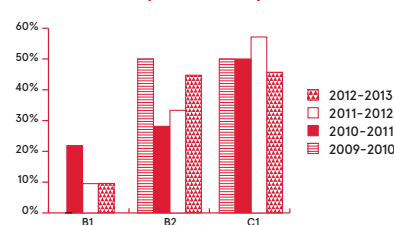
The PDL (Language Diagnostic Test) gauges first-year bachelor's degree students' English language skills against level B2 of the CEFR.

### PDL Results by Proficiency Level



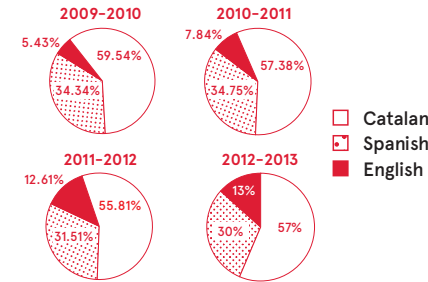
The PCCL (Certificate of Language Competence Test) certifies students' level of English (B1, B2 or C1). Success in the PCCL makes students eligible for UPF's Multilingualism Award.

### PCCL Results by Proficiency Level



**More students with B2 level in English**

## LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION IN BACHELOR'S DEGREES



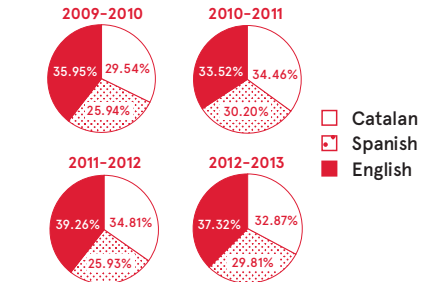
### Degrees taught totally or partially in English

TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS: 240 ECTS CREDITS

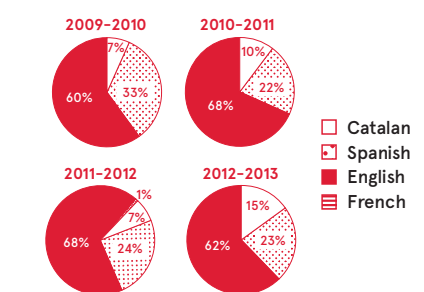
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| 16 COMPULSORY CREDITS OR LESS   | Political and Administration Sciences             |
|                                 | Biomedical Engineering                            |
|                                 | Journalism  |
|                                 | Labour Relations                                  |
|                                 | Medicine  |
| MORE THAN 16 COMPULSORY CREDITS | Audiovisual Communication                         |
|                                 | Criminology                                       |
|                                 | Advertising and Public Relations                  |
|                                 | Humanities  |
|                                 | Audiovisual Telecommunication Systems Engineering |
|                                 | Human Biology                                     |
|                                 | Applied Languages                                 |
|                                 | Computer Science                                  |
|                                 | Telematics Engineering                            |
|                                 | Law   |
| Management                      |   |
| 100% OF COMPULSORY CREDITS      | Translation and Interpretation                    |
|                                 | Business Economics                                |

**Year to year, more English as a medium of instruction in Bachelor's courses**

## LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION IN OFFICIAL MASTER'S DEGREES



## LANGUAGES USED IN PhD DISSERTATIONS



**Gradual increase in the presence of English: from 13% in BA classes, to 37% in MA degrees, up to 62% in dissertations**

- About 500 language tandems a year as part of the Language Volunteering programme.
- Information on languages of instruction provided for 100% of subjects.
- Language training provided annually for 19.8% of the UPF community: Catalan for 419 students, Spanish for 983, English for 1,387, and 207 students took German, Arabic, French, Italian, Chinese or Russian.
- Over 200 members of administrative and service staff have taken part in UPF's English Language Training Plan.
- 15 Multilingualism Awards a year for UPF students who successfully complete the PCCL.

The UPF units and services involved in all these actions are: Language Office, Academic Management Service and Faculty Secretaries, Language Training Programme, Staff Administration Section and Centre for Teaching Quality and Innovation.

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