

**YALOVA UNIVERSITY**  
**SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES**  
**2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**PROFICIENCY EXAM GUIDELINES**

**General Information**

**Examination Name:** Proficiency Examination

**Examination Structure:**

The examination consists of two sessions.

**Session I – Monday, 15 September 2025**

Listening (20 points)

Reading (20 points)

Use of English (20 points)

**Session II – Wednesday, 17 September 2025**

Speaking (20 points)

Writing (20 points)

**Scoring and Assessment**

- The exam is scored out of a total of 100 points.
- Session I is worth a total of 60 points (Listening, Reading, Use of English).
- Session II is worth a total of 40 points (Speaking, Writing).
- Students must obtain at least **36 points** in Session I to be eligible to participate in Session II.
- The Speaking and Writing sections are assessed independently by two teaching staff members according to the relevant criteria; the average obtained is recorded as the final mark.
- Examination results are announced by the School of Foreign Languages.

**PROFICIENCY EXAM - SESSION I**

**Exam Date and Start Time:** Monday, 15 September 2025 – 10:30

**Duration:** 100 minutes

**Total Points:** 60 points

## Important Information Regarding the Exam

Students eligible to take the exam:

- Students who have been placed in the preparatory programme through the 2025 YKS and wish to be exempt from preparatory education.
- Students enrolled in 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 who have failed the preparatory programme (including YÖS students).

## Documents students must bring with them:

- Official photo ID (national identity card, passport, driving licence, etc.)
- Student ID card
- Students without valid ID will not be admitted to the exam.

## Entry to the Exam and Necessary Checks Before the Exam

- Students must be present in the exam hall at least **15 minutes before the exam** begins.
- Students must have a valid photo ID (national ID card, passport, driving licence or student ID card) when entering the exam.
- Students who do not present valid identification will not be admitted to the exam.
- Before the exam begins, all electronic devices (mobile phones, smart watches, tablets, digital dictionaries, etc.) must be turned off and handed over to the invigilator.
- Students must sign the Exam Attendance Signature List before the exam begins.
- Supervising teaching staff have the right to take necessary measures and report the situation to administrators if they have doubts about the authenticity of a student's identity during the identity check.
- Students must mark their name, surname, student number, and booklet code on the optical form with **a pencil**.

## Late Arriving Students

- The examination begins with the listening section, and entry to the examination hall is not permitted during this section.
- Students arriving after the first 15 minutes will not be admitted to the examination.
- Late students arriving within the first 15 minutes of the examination will be directed to the **Reserve Room (C-118)**.
- Students arriving within the first 15 minutes after the examination begins will be admitted to the examination, but no additional time will be granted to these students.

## **Examination Content**

- The examination consists of three sections: **Listening, Reading and Use of English.**
- **Listening:** Students will be presented with three separate listening recordings. Each recording will be played twice and 20 multiple-choice questions (with 4 options) relating to the content will be asked.
- **Reading:** Students will be presented with four different reading passages. Twenty multiple-choice questions (with five options) have been prepared for these passages. The questions aim to assess the main idea, true/false information, inference, the author's purpose, vocabulary knowledge, and reference expressions.
- **Use of English:** This section contains a total of 20 multiple-choice questions. The distribution of questions is as follows: 10 grammar questions, 5 vocabulary questions, and 1 fill-in-the-blank test.
- **All answers must be marked on the optical form with a pencil.**

## **Rules to be Applied During Examinations**

- Complete silence must be maintained in the examination hall throughout the examination and this environment must be preserved. Talking, sharing items or communicating in any way is strictly prohibited.
- In a case of cheating or violating exam rules, the provisions of the Higher Education Council Student Discipline Regulations shall apply to the student concerned.
- Except in urgent and exceptional circumstances, students are not permitted to leave the examination hall during the exam.

## **Rules to be Applied at the End of the Examination**

- Students are not permitted to leave the room within the first 30 minutes of the examination.
- After the first 30 minutes, students who have completed their examination must quietly leave the room without disturbing other students after submitting their examination papers completely and correctly.
- To ensure exam security and integrity, students who leave the exam hall are not permitted to re-enter for any reason during the exam period.

## **Assessment Criteria**

- Sections I (Listening, Reading and Use of English) will be assessed according to the relevant answer key.
- Each correct answer is worth 1 point. Incorrect answers do not affect correct answers and do not result in any loss of points.

- Answer sheets will be assessed using an optical scanner.
- **Participation requirement for Session II: Students must score at least 36 points in Session I.**