Excerpt from the Rules for the Admission of Foreigners and Stateless Persons to the International Education Center at the Institute of Extended Education and Pre–University Training of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv for the 2026/2027 academic year

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1 Studying under the Preparatory Department Programs

1.1. Foreigners can study at the IEC under the preparatory department programs – “Ukrainian as a Foreign Language. Basic Course (UAP-1)” and “Ukrainian as a Foreign Language: Short Course (UAP-2).” The duration of study is at least 6 months. Study at the IEC under preparatory department programs is conducted exclusively in person.

2.2. The admission of foreigners for preparatory department programs is carried out using the Unified Interdepartmental Information System of Ukraine for Foreigners and Stateless Persons (hereinafter referred to as the Unified System). An electronic invitation to study issued through the Unified System shall be valid for no more than six months from the date of affixing the electronic qualified seal of the University or the qualified electronic signature of an authorized University representative.

2.3. Foreigners applying to the IEC to study under the preparatory department programs shall personally submit the following documents:

1. an application form;
2. a document (original and its copy) certifying the previously obtained educational (educational and qualification) level on the basis of which admission is carried out;
3. an appendix (original and its copy) to the document certifying the previously obtained educational (educational and qualification) level on the basis of which admission is carried out (if any);
4. the original and a copy of the foreigner’s passport or a document certifying stateless status;
5. a health insurance policy, unless otherwise provided by international treaties of Ukraine;
6. 4 photographs (30 x 40 mm);

The documents listed in points 2–4 of this section shall be translated into Ukrainian, and the translation shall be notarized.

The documents listed in points 2–3 of this section shall be certified in the country of issuance in the manner officially used in that country for such certification and legalized by the relevant foreign agency of Ukraine, unless otherwise provided by international treaties of Ukraine.

The documents listed in this section shall be kept in the personal files of applicants/students, with the exception of the original passport or document certifying stateless status.

2.4. Admission of foreigners to the IEC to study under the preparatory department programs takes place twice a year – from September 1, 2026 to November 15, 2026, included, and from February 1, 2027 to March 15, 2027, included.

2.5. Admission of foreigners and stateless persons to the IEC to study under the preparatory department programs is subject to their having completed a full general secondary education obtained outside Ukraine. Information on foreign educational documents recognized in Ukraine by competent recognition agencies, and on certificates of recognition in Ukraine of a foreign educational document is transferred to the Unified State Electronic Database on Education.

2.6. If a foreign student is enrolled in preparatory department programs at the IEC, the procedure for recognizing the foreign student's degree (level) of education obtained abroad is carried out prior to the student's admission to the University to pursue the corresponding higher education degree.

The IEC monitors the deadlines for submitting documents to the competent recognition authority and oversees the recognition process. Information regarding foreign educational documents recognized in Ukraine by the competent recognition authorities, as well as certificates confirming the recognition of foreign educational documents in Ukraine, is submitted to the Unified State Electronic Database on Education.

2.7. The enrollment of foreigners and stateless persons at the IEC in preparatory department programs is carried out by the Rector of the University through a decree based on a decision by the Institute's Admissions Committee.

2.8. Students of the IEC enrolled in preparatory department programs are issued a residence permit in accordance with current legislation for the duration of their studies.

2.9. Students of the IEC who have completed their studies and successfully passed their final exams receive a state-issued certificate.

3. Studying under course programs for learning the state language (Ukrainian as a foreign language)

3.1. Foreigners may study at the IEC under course programs for learning the state language – "Ukrainian as a Foreign Language (UFL)" – at levels A1, A2, B1, B2. The duration of study is no more than three months per program. Courses may be taken consecutively or selectively, provided that the student is legally residing in Ukraine.

3.2. Studying at the IEC under these course programs is conducted in person or remotely.

3.3. Foreigners enrolling in course programs at IEC shall submit the following documents by mail or in person:

1. an application form;

2. a copy of the foreigner's passport or a document certifying stateless status.

3.4. Enrollment of foreigners at the IEC under course programs for learning the state language takes place throughout the year.

3.5. Course participants who have completed their studies and successfully passed the final exam receive a certificate from the Institute indicating their level of proficiency in Ukrainian as a foreign language.

Foreigners are admitted to the IEC to study in the preparatory department programs and in courses for learning the official language without having to take entrance exams.