

**Normative Instruction 001/2019 - Criteria for Foreign Language
Proficiency Examinations**

Postgraduate Program in Biotechnology (PPGBiotec)

In compliance with Academic Rules and Regulations introduced in Chapter X regarding the PPGBiotec of UNIFAL-MG (Resolution No. 02 of February 20, 2019), the Faculty Board has approved the following criteria for foreign language proficiency examinations during its 8th ordinary meeting held on May 9, 2019:

- Proficiency is going to be assessed by a committee appointed by the PPGBiotec composed of 03 (three) full professors of the Program.
- The exam consists in interpreting a text written in English, and its takers are allowed to use a dictionary. A minimum score of 5 (five) must be achieved.
- Other English Proficiency Examinations may be accepted, such as the TOEFL ITP, IELTS, TEAP, among others, as long as they have been taken within 5 (five) years before the set deadline. In order to be approved, 337 (three hundred and thirty-seven) points are required for the TOEFL ITP, 4.0 (four) for the IELTS and 60 (sixty) points for the TEAP. The assessment committee is going to analyze other forms of Proficiency examinations.
- Foreign students, in addition to having proficiency in English, are also required to attest proficiency in Portuguese through taking an exam of text interpretation in Portuguese or presenting a Certificate of Proficiency in Portuguese as a Foreign Language, CELPE-BRAS, at intermediate level at least.
- If the foreign student is from English-speaking countries, only proof of

Proficiency in Portuguese is required.

- The attesting documents must be presented in their original version and photocopy.
- The statement attesting foreign language proficiency must be delivered up to 60 (sixty) before requesting to take the Qualifying Exam.

Alfenas, May 09, 2019