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Siena, piazza del Campo



1 General Information

1.1 Why study at the University of Siena?

The University of Siena is one of the oldest and most prestigious public institutions in Italy, offering a high-quality academic environment and a strong international orientation. Visit [this page](#) for more information.

1.2 What is the Foundation Course in Economics and Management?

The Foundation Course in Economics and Management is a preparatory program designed to equip international students with the necessary skills and knowledge to enter the undergraduate program in Economics and Management at the University of Siena.

1.3 Who is this program for?

This course is for international students who have completed secondary school but do not yet meet the entry requirements for an European university, especially those who need additional academic preparation in STEM subjects.

1.4 Where will classes be held?

Courses take place at [the San Francesco campus](#) (piazza San Francesco, 7-8 – Siena), which houses modern classrooms and labs. It is the home of the School of Economics and Management of the University of Siena.

1.5 What are the benefits of attending this course?

- Strengthening Economics and Management related knowledge, with a solid foundation in Mathematics, Economics, and Law, preparing students for university-level studies.
- Improving English and/or Italian language skills, increasing academic and career opportunities.
- Gain familiarity with the Italian university system, easing the transition to higher education in Italy.
- Facilitating the admission process for future studies in Italy, including:
 - Access to specific scholarships reserved for Foundation Course graduates.
 - No need to apply for a new student visa when transitioning to a university program in Italy.





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The San Francesco campus



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2 Admission and Eligibility

2.1 What are the admission requirements?

The following candidates are eligible for admission to the Foundation Course:

- Students holding a secondary school diploma (or an equivalent qualification in accordance with current regulations) obtained abroad after a minimum of 11 years of total schooling, which grants access to higher education in the educational system of the issuing country.
- Students holding a U.S. High School Diploma (HSD) who have not completed the three Advanced Placements (APs) required for admission to Italian universities.
- Students holding a General Certificate of Education (GCE) or an International General Certificate of Education (IGCE) from the United Kingdom who do not meet the requirement of three A-levels for admission to Italian universities.

Furthermore, applicants must demonstrate proficiency in the English language at a minimum B1 level (or higher) according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The verification procedures for language proficiency are described in admission.unisi.it/?p=1944.

Applicants must be at least 17 years of age (or turn 17) by December 31, 2025, to be eligible for enrollment in the Foundation Course.

2.2 What are the required admission documents?

It is not necessary to have the final high school diploma at the time of application submission. If accepted, the final diploma will be necessary to:

- Apply for a visa (if applicable).
- Complete the final enrollment in the Foundation Course.

To access the English TOLC-E sessions organized by the University of Siena, candidates must:

- Pay the admission fee.
- Fill out the application form with the required information.
- Upload the documents (see the list below), **even if incomplete**.
- Submit the application, **even if incomplete**.

NOTICE: Until May 6, 2025 (the application deadline), candidates can reopen their application at any time to update or add information and documents. If you reopen the application, **remember to resubmit it**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: By May 6, 2025, make sure you have uploaded the following documents:

- Identification Document
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- High-School Transcripts

- English B1 proficiency certificate (or higher)

Please, check the following page for further information: admission.unisi.it/?p=1193.

2.3 How is English language proficiency assessed?

All applicants are expected to submit a recognized language certification or appropriate documentation justifying an exemption.

In most cases, submitting a valid certification is deemed sufficient by the admission evaluation committees. However, if the documentation is incomplete or not considered adequate, the evaluation committee reserves the right to request additional documentation or require the candidate to undergo an interview to assess their language proficiency.

Please refer to [this link](#) to check the list of recognized language certifications and the exemption criteria.

2.4 I am under 18. Can I still apply?

Applicants must be at least 17 years of age (or turn 17) by December 31, 2025, to be eligible for enrollment in the Foundation Course. Students who have not yet turned 18 by July 31, 2025, must provide additional documentation. This following documentation must be submitted **upon request of the university**, after acceptance and confirmation of the place, and no later than July 31, 2025:

- A parental or legal guardian consent form authorizing enrollment in the Foundation Course.
- A copy of the identity document of the parent or legal guardian.
- A declaration appointing a legal guardian residing in Italy for the duration of the Foundation Course, until the student reaches the age of majority.
- A copy of the identity document of the appointed legal guardian in Italy, valid until the student turns 18.
- A proxy authorization to request the student's Italian tax identification code (codice fiscale).

All documents must be original copies, signed and stamped by the relevant authorities, and must be translated into Italian or English.

2.5 How many places are available?

The Foundation Course in Economics and Management has a limited enrollment of 160 students for the academic year 2025/2026.

2.6 How do I apply?

Applications must be submitted online through the University of Siena's admission portal (apply.unisi.it). A non-refundable application fee (€49.90) is required.

2.7 Do I need a visa to attend this course?

Please check this page for further information: admission.unisi.it/?p=1197.



Classroom Chiostro (San Francesco campus)



Classroom Cripta (San Francesco campus)



3 Program Structure and Content

3.1 What subjects are covered in the Foundation Course in Economics and Management?

The Foundation Course in Economics and Management provides educational activities for a total of 60 Foundation Course Credits (CFC)¹. Each CFC corresponds to 25 hours of academic commitment, which includes individual study, possible classroom exercises, and no fewer than 8 hours of face-to-face teaching or laboratory activities.

Activity	CFC	Hours
<i>Mandatory activities</i>		
✓ Mathematics	15	120
✓ Principles of Economics	6	48
✓ Principles of Law	6	48
✓ Italian A1	6	48
✓ Italian A2	6	48
✓ English B2	6	48
Total mandatory activities	45	360
<i>15 CFCs of elective activities from the following options</i>		
☐ Italian B1	6	48
☐ Italian B2 *	6	48
☐ Introduction to Python Programming	6	48
☐ Essay Writing and Presentations	3	24
☐ Principles of Economic History	3	24
☐ Principles of Business Management	3	24
☐ Special Legal Issues	3	24
Total elective activities	15	120
Grand total	60	480

* To choose Italian B2 without also choosing Italian B1, a special authorization from the Academic Teaching Committee is required.

3.2 What is the language of instruction?

Italian language courses are taught in both Italian and English. All other courses are taught in English.

¹CFCs are not university credits. They cannot be recognized to shorten subsequent study cycles, nor can they be replaced with university credits.

3.3 When can I choose or change my elective activities?

Elective activities are offered in the second part of the program, so students can select or change them until the end of the first part of the program.

To help students make an informed decision, a dedicated orientation event will be organized to guide them in their course selection.

3.4 What are the advantages of achieving B2 level proficiency in Italian?

Achieving B2 level proficiency in Italian:

- allows students to meet the language requirements for enrollment in degree programs taught in Italian at the University of Siena.
- expands study opportunities, granting access to a wider range of degree programs taught in Italian.
- facilitates integration into Italian academic and social life, making daily interactions easier.
- enhances job prospects, as many employers in Italy require proficiency in Italian.

3.5 What are the advantages of achieving B2 level proficiency in English?

Achieving B2 level proficiency in English:

- allows students to meet the language requirements for enrollment in degree programs taught in English at the University of Siena.
- boosts career opportunities, as English is essential for working in international environments, global companies, and research fields.

3.6 Is attendance mandatory?

Attendance is mandatory, with a minimum requirement of 75% of the total hours for each activity. Students who fail to meet this requirement due to documented health issues or other exceptional circumstances may access make-up options. However, make-up options shall not compensate for absences exceeding 5% of the total hours.

- ❗ **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Failure to meet the attendance requirement will prevent students from meeting the course completion requirements.



4 Assessment and Certification

4.1 How will my progress be assessed?

Each subject has a final exam and two retake opportunities. Exams can be oral, written tests, reports, multiple-choice tests, or computer-based assessments. Language courses assess listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills.

4.2 How is grading structured in the Foundation Course?

The grading system follows the Italian university scale, where:

- 18/30 is the minimum passing grade.
- 30/30 is the maximum grade.

The final certificate score is expressed on a scale up to 100, calculated as a weighted average of the individual course grades.

4.3 What qualification will I receive at the end?

A final certificate stating the subjects passed and a final score out of 100. This certificate allows enrollment in Italian universities (provided that other admission requirements are met).

4.4 Does completing the Foundation Course guarantee admission to a degree program?

For open-access degree programs at the University of Siena:

- Completing the Foundation Course ensures that students meet the curricular requirements for enrollment in all undergraduate and single-cycle master's degree programs at the university.
- Completing the Foundation Course allows students to meet the language requirements for enrollment in degree programs taught in English at the University of Siena.
- If the degree program is taught in Italian, students must meet the language requirements. Students who complete the Foundation Course and obtain the optional B2 level in Italian will fulfill the language requirements necessary to enroll in Italian-taught degree programs at the University of Siena.

For programs with limited enrollment at the University of Siena:

- Students must follow the specific admission procedures outlined in the respective program's selection notice.
- Completing the Foundation Course does not exempt students from taking the admission tests required by law.



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NOTICE: For the bachelor's degree program in **Economics and Management** (limited enrollment), the School of Economics and Management reserves a number of spots for Foundation Course students.



Classroom Franco Romani (San Francesco campus)



Library (San Francesco campus)



5 The Admission Process

5.1 How are students selected for admission?

Admission is based on a selection process. Students are required to take the **English TOLC-E Test** (online), a multiple-choice test assessing knowledge in Mathematics, Logic, and Reading Comprehension.

5.2 How is the final ranking determined?

The final ranking is established based on the English TOLC-E test score. A single ranking list will be compiled for both EU and non-EU candidates.

In the event of a tie in the final score among candidates:

- Priority will be given to the younger candidate.
- If the tie persists, the candidate who submitted the application first will be ranked higher.

5.3 How many places are available?

A total of 160 spots are available for both EU and non-EU applicants.

5.4 How do I confirm my place if I am selected?

The top 160 candidates will be invited to confirm their place. Selected candidates must pay a non-refundable enrollment confirmation fee (€500) within one week to secure their spot.

5.5 What happens if I don't pay the enrollment confirmation fee on time?

If a candidate does not pay the enrollment confirmation fee within the given timeframe, their spot will be offered to the next student on the ranking list.

5.6 How does the waiting list work?

The ranking list is reviewed weekly until July 24, and unclaimed spots are offered to the next candidates.

 **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** After July 24, we will no longer be able to accept confirmations, even if there are still spots available.

6 The English TOLC-E

6.1 How can I register for the English TOLC-E sessions organized by the University of Siena?

To access the English TOLC-E sessions organized by the University of Siena, candidates must:

- Pay the admission fee.
- Fill out the application form with the required information.
- Upload the documents (see the list below), **even if incomplete**.
- Submit the application, **even if incomplete**.

i NOTICE: Until May 6, 2025 (the application deadline), candidates can reopen their application at any time to update or add information and documents. If you reopen the application, remember to resubmit it.

6.2 Can I use a previous English TOLC-E score?

Yes, if the test was taken after January 1, 2024. Candidates can upload their existing English TOLC-E score during the application process.

! IMPORTANT NOTICE: No other types of test will be accepted.

6.3 Is there a minimum score required to pass the English TOLC-E test?

No, there is no minimum passing score for the English TOLC-E test. There is no eligibility threshold, as selection is based on ranking rather than a fixed passing score.

i NOTICE: Do not worry if your score is not outstanding. This is a pre-academic course, and some knowledge gaps are expected. The test is not designed to measure absolute performance but rather to compare candidates relative to each other.

6.4 How is the English TOLC-E score calculated?

The English TOLC-E test consists of 36 questions to be answered within 90 minutes. The scoring system is as follows:

- +1 point for each correct answer
- 0 points for unanswered questions
- −0.25 points for each incorrect answer

For more details, please refer to the **CISIA website**.

6.5 Can I retake the English TOLC-E test with the University of Siena if I want to improve my score?

No, candidates can take the English TOLC-E test organized by the University of Siena only once.

However, students are free to retake the English TOLC-E (if at least one month has passed since the previous attempt) by registering for other "TOLC@CASA" sessions **not organized by the University of Siena**. Candidates can register through the **CISIA test calendar**, paying any applicable fees directly to CISIA. Then, **before the final admission deadline**, candidates can reopen their application, update the information about the English TOLC-E, and resubmit it.

i NOTICE: If a student is unable to attend a session they had previously registered for at the University of Siena, the possibility of rescheduling for a later session may be considered, provided there are available slots. The last available session is on May 14, 2025.

6.6 Can I practice for the English TOLC-E test?

Yes, you can practice for the English TOLC-E before taking the official test. To access the practice tests, you must register on the CISIA website: **allenamento.cisiaonline.it**.

6.7 Why are the sessions organized by the University of Siena not listed in the general CISIA test schedule?

The English TOLC-E sessions organized by the University of Siena are exclusively reserved for candidates who have submitted their application through the **apply.unisi.it** portal.

As these sessions are not open to the general public, they do not appear in the general CISIA test schedule. Eligible candidates will receive specific instructions on how to register for their assigned session.

6.8 I registered for an English TOLC-E session, but I would like to change the date. What should I do?

Until May 6, 2025 (the application deadline), candidates can reopen their application at any time to update or add information and documents.

If you wish to change the session date:

- Reopen your application
- Select the new session date
- Resubmit the application to confirm the changes

6.9 I registered for an English TOLC-E session. What should I do next?

The evaluation committee will contact you via email with the necessary instructions to take the test. You will receive these instructions within a couple of days after the registration deadline for your selected session (**see the list of important dates, Sec. 7.10**).

i NOTICE: Please carefully check your email inbox, including your spam folder, and regularly check for update messages on the **apply.unisi.it** portal.

6.10 I registered for an English TOLC-E session, but was unable to attend. What should I do?

If a student cannot attend a session they had previously registered for at the University of Siena, the possibility of rescheduling for a later session may be considered, provided that there are available slots. The last available session is on May 14, 2025.

If you wish to register for a new session date:

- Reopen your application
- Select the new session date
- Resubmit the application to confirm the changes

If there are available slots, you will be contacted as usual, as specified in Sec. 6.9.

i NOTICE: We cannot guarantee in advance whether slots will be available. You will receive this information when you receive the official communication, typically within a couple of days after the registration deadline for your selected session (see the list of important dates, Sec. 7.10). It is in our best interest to allow you to take the test, but if you miss the session you were registered for, we cannot guarantee a rescheduling opportunity.

6.11 What equipment and setup are required to take the English TOLC-E test?

Please, visit admission.unisi.it/?p=2539 for detailed information on how to properly set up your test environment, including the necessary devices.

! IMPORTANT NOTICE: It is essential to carefully follow the operational instructions; otherwise, you will not be allowed to take the test.



Computer lab 1 (San Francesco campus)

7 Timing and Course Schedule

7.1 When is the deadline to apply?

The deadline for submitting the application is May 6, 2025. The last available date to take the English TOLC-E test with the University of Siena is May 14, 2025.

! IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please, check **Important Dates for Admission and Enrollment (Sec. 7.10)**.

7.2 When will the ranking list start moving for seat reservations?

The ranking list will start moving approximately during the last week of May.

7.3 When does the Foundation Course start and end?

The teaching activities begin on Monday, November 24, 2025, and end on Tuesday, June 30, 2026.

The last retake exam period ends on Friday, September 18, 2026.

7.4 What is the deadline for enrolling in the Foundation Course?

The final deadline to enroll in the Foundation Course in Economics and Management is January 12, 2026. After this date, enrollment will no longer be possible and any rights acquired through the payment of the non-refundable enrollment confirmation fee (€500) will be forfeited.

! IMPORTANT NOTICE: If enrollment is completed after Friday, November 28, 2025, an additional non-refundable €100.00 per week will be required to cover catch-up classes and personalized tutoring. The additional fee applies at the end of each Friday.

7.5 Will there be breaks or holidays?

The program likely follows the general University of Siena holiday schedule, which typically includes:

- A Winter break around Christmas and New Year, from December 20, 2025, to January 6, 2026.
- Easter break, from April 2, 2026, to April 8, 2026.

7.6 What is a typical weekly schedule?

The schedule includes a mix of lectures, language classes, and optional courses. Expect around 20/25 hours of weekly classes, depending on the period.



7.7 Is there an orientation program?

Yes, two orientation events will be organized:

- On the first day of the program, a session will introduce students to the university, available services, and program expectations, helping them navigate their academic journey.
- Midway through the course, a second orientation event will present the academic programs offered by the University of Siena, guiding students to make an informed decision about their future university studies.

7.8 When can I apply for a study visa?

Once the €500 non-refundable enrollment confirmation fee is paid, the university will enable the candidate to start the visa request process through the **University portal**.

It is strongly recommended to start the visa application as soon as possible to avoid delays.

7.9 When does the English TOLC-E test take place?

The University of Siena is offering English TOLC-E test sessions exclusively for applicants who have submitted their application through the portal **apply.unisi.it**.

The following sessions are currently scheduled:

- I Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 14:30 (CET)
- II Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 14:30 (CEST)
- III Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 14:30 (CEST)
- IV Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 14:30 (CEST)
- V Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 14:30 (CEST) – final available session for the Foundation Course.

To participate in these exclusive-access test sessions, applicants must submit their application through the admission portal **apply.unisi.it**, specifying in the form that they wish to take the English TOLC-E organized by the University of Siena.



7.10 Important Dates for Admission and Enrollment

Date	Schedule
 March 12, 2025 (23:59 CEST)	Deadline for registration for the English TOLC-E (Session I)
 March 20, 2025 (14:30 CET)	English TOLC-E (Session I)
 April 2, 2025 (23:59 CEST)	Deadline for registration for the English TOLC-E (Session II)
 April 9, 2025 (23:59 CEST)	Deadline for registration for the English TOLC-E (Session III)
 April 10, 2025 (14:30 CEST)	English TOLC-E (Session II)
 April 17, 2025 (14:30 CEST)	English TOLC-E (Session III)
 April 30, 2025 (23:59 CEST)	Deadline for registration for the English TOLC-E (Session IV)
 May 6, 2025 (23:59 CEST)	Deadline for application submission and deadline for registration for the last English TOLC-E (Session V)
 May 8, 2025 (14:30 CEST)	English TOLC-E (Session IV)
 May 14, 2025 (14:30 CEST)	English TOLC-E (Session V)
 Last week of May (tentative)	Start of seat reservations
 November 24, 2025	Start of teaching activities
 January 12, 2026 (inclusive)	Final deadline for enrollment in the Foundation Course



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8 Fees and Financial Information

8.1 How much does it cost to enroll in the Foundation Course?

Overall, the minimum cost to enroll in the Foundation Course is €4,065.90, which includes:

- €49.90 non-refundable admission fee – Required to submit the application and take the English TOLC-E test organized by the University of Siena.
- €500.00 non-refundable enrollment confirmation fee – To be paid upon receiving an offer for a place in the program (starting from the last week of May). This fee is required to confirm the spot, which otherwise will be offered to the next candidate on the ranking list.
- €3,500.00 non-refundable tuition fee – To be paid in a single installment at the time of official enrollment, no later than Monday, 12 January 2026.
- €16 non-refundable revenue stamp (a mandatory fee required by Italian regulations) – To be paid in a single installment at the time of official enrollment.

! IMPORTANT NOTICE: If enrollment is completed after Friday, November 28, 2025, an additional non-refundable €100.00 per week will be required to cover catch-up classes and personalized tutoring. The additional fee applies at the end of each Friday.

8.2 What does the admission fee include?

The €49.90 non-refundable admission fee includes:

- English TOLC-E test fee – Covers the cost of taking the English TOLC-E test organized by the University of Siena.
- Right to submit the admission application – Grants access to the selection process for the Foundation Course.

8.3 What does the enrollment confirmation fee include?

The €500.00 non-refundable enrollment confirmation fee includes:

- The right to secure a place in the program until January 12, 2026, which is the final deadline for official enrollment in the Foundation Course.
- Notification of accepted students to the relevant Italian embassies responsible for issuing student visas².

! IMPORTANT NOTICE: If enrollment is completed after Friday, November 28, 2025, an additional non-refundable €100.00 per week will be required to cover catch-up classes and personalized tutoring. The additional fee applies at the end of each Friday.

²The issuance of visas is solely under the jurisdiction of Italian embassies and consulates. Universities do not have the authority to intervene in the work of embassies.

8.4 What does the tuition fee include?

The €3,500.00 non-refundable tuition fee covers the following services:

- Teaching of all subjects included in the study plan.
- Tutoring by faculty and students enrolled in international programs in Economics and Management at the University of Siena.
- Organization of exams and assessments.
- Guidance and academic counseling to support students in choosing their future degree programs.
- English language courses.
- Italian language and culture courses.
- Social events to facilitate the integration of students into the local community and the University of Siena student body.
- Access to the university canteen at a subsidized rate.
- Administrative management of student records.
- Issuance of the final certification upon completion of the course.
- Issuance of open badges for language courses.
- Textbooks for language courses and instructional materials provided in class.

 **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If enrollment is completed after Friday, November 28, 2025, an additional non-refundable €100.00 per week will be required to cover catch-up classes and personalized tutoring. The additional fee applies at the end of each Friday.

8.5 What is NOT included in the tuition fee?

The tuition fee does not cover any personal living costs. Students must budget separately for:

- Accommodation – Rent in Siena varies depending on the type of housing (shared apartments, student residences, private rentals).
- Food and daily meals – Beyond the subsidized university cafeteria option, students must cover their own groceries and dining expenses.
- Health insurance – Costs depend on the provider and coverage plan. Check [this page for more information](#).
- Residence permit fees (for non-EU students).
- Transportation costs of public transport, personal travel, or commute expenses.
- Personal expenses, including additional books and study materials, phone bills, leisure activities, and any other miscellaneous costs of living in Italy.



8.6 Are there scholarships available?

The School of Economics and Management will offer up to 20 €2,500 merit-based scholarships to students who perform well and continue their future studies at the School of Economics and Management of the University of Siena.



Chioostro Sansoni (San Francesco campus)



Main corridor on the ground floor (San Francesco campus)

9 Visa and Late Arrivals

9.1 How can I find out about the visa application procedures?

Please [visit this page](#) for more information.

9.2 What happens if my visa application is delayed?

The final deadline to enroll in the Foundation Course in Economics and Management is January 12, 2026. After this date, enrollment will no longer be possible, and any rights acquired through the payment of the non-refundable enrollment confirmation fee (€500) will be forfeited.

! IMPORTANT NOTICE: If enrollment is completed after Friday, November 28, 2025, an additional non-refundable €100.00 per week will be required to cover catch-up classes and personalized tutoring. The additional fee applies at the end of each Friday.

9.3 What happens if my visa application is denied?

If your visa application is denied, the university cannot intervene or override the decision of the Italian authorities.

Please note that the €500 enrollment confirmation fee is non-refundable, even in the case of a visa refusal.

However, the €3,500 tuition fee is only payable upon obtaining the visa and completing the official enrollment. If you do not receive a visa, you will not be required to pay the tuition fee.

The University of Siena will notify the relevant Italian embassies of the list of candidates who have successfully passed the selection process and confirmed their place by paying the enrollment confirmation fee³.

³The issuance of visas is solely under the jurisdiction of Italian embassies and consulates. Universities do not have any authority to intervene in the work of the embassies.



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Document History

Please carefully review the following information that has been revised in the updated versions of this document.

March 3, 2025 – First release.

March 4, 2025 – The dates of the English TOLC-E test were added (Sects. 7.9 and 7.10).

March 4, 2025 (b) – The electives list in Sec. 3.1 was completed, and some minor typos were corrected.

March 9, 2025 – Modified Sections:

6.3 *Is there a minimum score required to pass the English TOLC-E test?*

6.5 *Can I retake the English TOLC-E test with the University of Siena if I want to improve my score?*

Added Sections:

2.3 *How is English language proficiency assessed?*

6.4 *How is the English TOLC-E score calculated?*

6.6 *Can I practice for the English TOLC-E test?*

6.7 *Why are the sessions organized by the University of Siena not listed in the general CISIA test schedule?*

Minor changes (mainly aesthetical enhancements) in many pages.

March 11, 2025 – Section 5.6 was updated. A new section 6 was created, all the information about the English TOLC-E was moved to it, and new sections 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, and 6.11 were added.

March 16, 2025 – Some photos were added/changed.

