

Recognition of Prior Learning in Ukraine

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Recognition of learning acquired through unfinished studies at a recognised institution. *Before 2015*

Higher Education Institutions

- Prior to 2015, higher education institutions did not conduct recognition procedures independently.
- Students faced greater difficulties when changing their field of study (additional assessments might be required).

Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine

Served as the sole competent recognition authority.
ENIC Ukraine provided organizational and technical support for the recognition procedure.

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- Upon request of the document holder or a HEI
- Verified the document's authenticity
 - Verified the recognition status of the educational institution
 - Determined the level of education at which the studies were completed
 - Collaboration with experts in the evaluation of study programmes

Recognition of learning acquired through unfinished studies at a recognised institution. *Since 2015*

Higher Education Institutions' Autonomy in the Recognition of Formal Learning

- In 2014, the Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education" empowered HEIs to make final recognition decisions
- Under a Ministry of Education and Science Order issued in May 2015, HEIs, alongside the Ministry, were designated as competent authorities for recognition

- ✓ Recognise and transfer credits earned at foreign HEIs
- ✓ Independently assess differences between study programmes
- ✓ Independently conduct assessments for students
- ✓ No additional assessments are required when students change their field of study



Recognition of learning acquired in a non formal or informal setting *for further studies*

In February 2022, the Procedure for the Recognition of Learning Outcomes Acquired through Non-formal and/or Informal Learning in Higher Education, Professional Pre-higher Education and Vocational Education was approved



- Educational institutions (research institutions) may recognise learning outcomes acquired through non-formal and/or informal learning for prospective students applying for admission to that institution
- A person applying to an educational institution for the recognition of learning outcomes acquired through such learning shall submit a Declaration of Prior Learning and any additional documents supporting the information provided in the declaration (where available)
- Specific types of learning activities may be recognised and credited

Recognition of learning acquired in a non formal or informal setting *for further studies*

- ✓ The total volume of educational components recognised and credited to a student may not exceed **25%** of the corresponding educational programme.
The limit is **35%** for the "Information Technology" field of study and **50%** for the "Security and Defense" field of study.
- ✓ Learning outcomes covered by professional standards and/or standards established by international conventions or treaties to which Ukraine is a party **may not be recognised** for regulated professions subject to **additional regulatory requirements**, except where otherwise provided for by the relevant conventions or treaties.



Inclusion of Information on the Recognition of Non-formal and Informal Learning in Diploma Supplements

Освітні компоненти, кредити з яких були визнані (перезараховані) за попередньою освітньою програмою Ужгородської української богословської академії / Educational components from which credits were recognized (re-credited) under the previous educational program of the Uzhhorod Ukrainian Theological Academy

1.	Англійська мова / English	12	76
2.	Гомілетика / Homiletics	3	77
3.	Соціальна доктрина церкви / Social doctrine of the church	3	89
4.	Релігієзнавство / Religious Studies	3	85
5.	Фінансове право та фінансове законодавство / Financial law and financial legislation	5	85
6.	Всесвітня історія / World History	4	80
7.	Діловодство / Document management	3	73
8.	Загальноцерковна історія / General Church History	15	76
9.	Інформаційні технології у професійній діяльності / Information technologies in professional activity	4	76
10.	Історія вчень про державу і право / History of the doctrines of state and law	5	86
11.	Історія України / History of Ukraine	6	74
12.	Конституційне право зарубіжних країн / Constitutional law of foreign countries	7	87
13.	Культурологія / Culturology	3	75

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14.	Латинська мова / Latin	5	85
15.	Логіка / Logic	5	81
16.	Метафізика та теодицея / Metaphysics and Theodicy	3	72
17.	Моральне богослов'я (біоетика) / Moral theology	12	87
18.	Основне богослов'я / The basic theology	9	85
19.	Педагогіка / Pedagogy	3	90
20.	Професійна етика / Professional ethics	4	80
21.	Психологія / Psychology	4	78
22.	Судові та правоохоронні органи / Judicial and law enforcement agencies	6	84
23.	Теорія держави і права / Theory of state and law	10	87
24.	Українська мова (за професійним спрямуванням) / Ukrainian language (for professional purposes)	20	70
25.	Філософія / Philosophy	4	78
<i>Курсові роботи (проекти) / Academic year papers</i>			
26.	Історія Церкви / History of the Church	2	89
27.	Теорія держави і права/ Theory of state and law	2	85
<i>Практика/ Practical training</i>			
28.	Практика / Practice	18	75
Всього кредитів ЄКТС / Total ECTS loans		210	
		Разом	240

Recognition of learning acquired in a non formal or informal setting *for Employment*



- Recognition is carried out by Qualification Centres licensed by the National Qualifications Agency
- There are **229** Qualification Centres operating in Ukraine as of June 1, 2026
- **608** professional qualifications covered by Qualification Centres
- A total of **12,369** certificates have been issued

Source: National Qualifications Agency Facebook page

Recognition of Learning Outcomes Acquired in the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine

Since November 2023, Ukrainian legislation has enabled the recognition of learning outcomes acquired by persons residing in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine

In July 2025, the Procedure for the Recognition of Learning Outcomes Acquired in the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine at the Levels of Vocational (Vocational and Technical), Professional Pre-higher and Higher Education was approved.

Educational Institutions:

- conduct recognition procedures at the relevant level of education
- recognition is granted solely for further studies at that educational institution



Recognition of Learning Outcomes Acquired in the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine

General Secondary Education

- Individuals who **completed their education in 2014** may obtain Ukrainian Certificates of Complete General Secondary Education and Basic Secondary Education
- Admission to Higher Education Institutions through the "**Crimea-Ukraine**" and "**Donbas-Ukraine**" Educational Centres
- External Studies at General Secondary Education Institutions and Obtaining a Ukrainian Certificate on Education

Higher Education / Professional Pre-higher Education / Vocational (Vocational and Technical) Education

- **Recognition does not apply to** learning outcomes acquired at the second (Master's) level of higher education (except for Master's programmes in medicine, pharmacy and veterinary medicine) or at the third level of higher education.
- Learning outcomes may be recognised for **only one educational programme**
- Learning outcomes at the higher education level may be recognised for **up to 75%** of the total volume of an educational programme
- Learning outcomes are not recognised for certain fields of study and professions (e.g. teacher education, journalism, sociology, military professions, etc.)



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