

**Guide to the "Online CISIA Test" for the assesment of  
background knowledge**

**CEnT -S (CISIA English Test-Sciences)  
Bachelor's Degree Program in Biotechnology  
(class L-2-R)**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027**

## CEnt-S

### General information

As required by Ministerial Decree 270/2004, each Degree Program (CdS) must define the minimum knowledge for admission and the related assessment methods.

In compliance with this requirement, the Biotechnology Degree Program at the University of Teramo will evaluate the initial preparation of incoming students in basic scientific subjects such as **MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS, BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY**, and **REASONING ON TEXTS AND DATA** through the test proposed by the "Interuniversity Consortium for Integrated Access Systems" (CISIA) called "**CEnt-S**" (**CISIA English Test-Sciences**).

**The outcome of the test will not affect enrollment** in the Degree Program. However, based on the results of the evaluation test, one or more **Additional Educational Obligations (OFA)** will be assigned to the student to be fulfilled within the first year of the program, as detailed in the "TOLC Assessment and OFA Assignment" section.

The result of the **CEnt-S**, if not followed by enrollment in the relevant academic year, **is valid for two years**.

### ABOUT THE CISIA ENGLISH TEST-SCIENCES

The **CEnt-S** is an individual test, typically different for each participant, composed of questions automatically and randomly selected from the CISIA database through proprietary software developed and managed by CISIA. All tests of the same type have a comparable level of difficulty. The TOLC database, containing the questions used for the test, is protected and validated by scientific committees specifically appointed by CISIA.

The **CEnt-S** is recognized at the national level. The result obtained is valid for all locations using the **CEnt-S** from the CISIA consortium, regardless of the testing location. Therefore, students do not need to take the test at the site of their chosen Degree Program. However, each Degree Program establishes its own passing criteria.

### WHO CAN TAKE THE TEST

All students enrolled in the fourth or fifth year of secondary schools, as well as those who have already obtained a diploma, can take the **CEnt-S**.

The test can be taken multiple times (paying the respective fee for each registration) to improve the score, especially if the minimum threshold set by the chosen Degree Program is not met. However, the test cannot be taken more than once in the same macro-period, regardless of the location.

To prepare for the TOLC, students can practice using the CISIA training tests available at [CISIA Training](#). This tool does not replace the study and preparation necessary to best tackle the exams, but it offers the opportunity to practice with a sample test and assess initial preparation.

To self-assess and improve preparation for university, it is recommended to take the Placement Tests (PPS) available by registering on the student area of the ORIENTAZIONE platform (<https://www.orientazione.it/>).

The PPS are similar, in terms of difficulty level and type, to the TOLC: the obtained result is compared with the average scores achieved in the TOLC by all participants, providing your ranking in a hypothetical national classification.

From your reserved area, both on TOLC and Orientazione, you can also access the **MOOC** (Massive Open Online Courses) in **Basic Mathematics**, **Basic Physical Sciences**, **Basic Chemical Sciences**, and **Basic Biology**: an educational tool available online, accessible to anyone freely and at no cost.

## WHERE AND WHEN CAN I TAKE THE TEST

The CEnT-S can be taken at any of the affiliated locations listed on the CISIA website at <https://www.cisiaonline.it/en/cent/cent-s/universities-cent-s> or in the TOLC@HOME mode, which means taking the test in a virtual classroom from the candidate's home.

### Test Schedule

It is possible to take the test only once per macro-period:

- November, December, January (first macro-period)
- February, March (second macro-period)
- April, May, June (third macro-period)
- September, October (fourth macro-period).

The complete schedule of dates and locations where the CEnT-S can be taken is updated on the CISIA page: <https://testcisia.it/calendario.php?tolc=cents&l=gb&lingua=inglese>

## REGISTRATION AND TEST PROCEDURES

To register for the **CEnT-S**, you must first sign up in the CISIA Student Area and create an account, as indicated at the following link: <https://www.cisiaonline.it/en/cent/all-about-CEnT/booking-a-CEnT>

Once your profile is activated, you can access in the CISIA Student Area here: [https://testcisia.it/studenti\\_tolc/login\\_sso.php?l=gb](https://testcisia.it/studenti_tolc/login_sso.php?l=gb)

From this area, you will also be able to register for the **CEnT-S**.

Detailed information on how to book the **CEnT-S** is available in the online guide: [Online Guide](#)

All the latest information on how to take the **CEnT-S** can be found at the following link: <https://www.cisiaonline.it/en/cent/all-about-CEnT/all-about-CEnT>

Before taking the test, make sure to carefully read the "**Rules for partecipansin the CISIA ENGLISH TEST (CEnT)**" available here: <https://www.cisiaonline.it/en/cent/all-about-CEnT/CEnT-rules>

## TEST FORMAT AND DURATION

The **CEnT-S** has a duration of 110 minutes and consists of 55 questions, divided into 5 sections:

SECTION	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	TIME AVAILABLE
BIOLOGY	10	20 MINUTES
CHEMISTRY	10	20 MINUTES
MATHEMATICS	15	30 MINUTES
PHYSICS	5	10 MINUTES
REASONING ON TEXTS AND DATA	6	8 MINUTES
<b>TOTALE</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>110 MINUTES</b>

For detailed information about the structure and duration of the test, please consult the link <https://www.cisiaonline.it/en/cent/cent-s/structure-and-syllabus>

## WHERE CAN I FIND THE CEnT-S RESULT

At the end of the test, the number of correct, unanswered, and incorrect responses will be provided; This page will be available at any time on the CISIA website by logging in with your credentials .

However, the final normalised score will be available in your CISIA Student Area only at the end of the macro-period in which you took your test:

- by January 30th for the first macro-period;
- by March 31st for the second macro-period;
- by June 30th for the third macro-period
- by October 30th for the fourth macro-period.

## TEST SCORING AND RESULTS

Scores are calculated as follows:

- 1 point for each correct answer
- 0 points for each unanswered question
- -0.25 points for each incorrect answer

The percentage score obtained in **BIOLOGY**, **CHEMISTRY**, and **REASONING ON TEXTS AND DATA** will be evaluated to assign OFA.

To pass the test, the following minimum scores are required:

- **BIOLOGY**: at least 20% (minimum 2 correct answers)
- **CHEMISTRY**: at least 20% (minimum 2 correct answers)
- **REASONING ON TEXTS AND DATA** at least 10% (minimum 2 correct answers)

If the minimum threshold is not met in the specified areas, OFA will be assigned only for that specific competence.

If you participate in multiple editions of the **CEnT-S**, for the purpose of assigning any OFA, the result of the test with the **highest score** will be considered.

## FAILURE TO PASS THE TOLC

Students who **DO NOT** achieve the minimum score specified above in any edition of the CEnT-S, **can still enroll in the degree program.**

Students who enroll by **November 5th without having taken** or **without having passed** the CEnT-S test will have **all the Additional Educational Obligations (OFA)** assigned to their academic record.

The OFA will appear in the electronic record and must be fulfilled by the **third regular exam period** of the enrollment year.

**The fulfillment of the OFA can occur through:**

- **Passing the OFA recovery test**
- **Passing the corresponding curricular exam**

Specifically, the exams to be taken are:

- To recover the OFA debt in **Biology**, the module is "**Cytology and Histology**".
- To recover the OFA debt in **Chemistry**, the module is "**Basic Chemical Methodologies Laboratory**".
- To recover the OFA debt in **Logic**, the module is "**Cytology and Histology**".

## ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES AND LEARNING DISORDERS

### **Students with Disabilities**

Students with disabilities may request aids and/or additional time (up to 50% more) by submitting their disability certification when registering for the CISIA.

### **Students with Specific Learning Disorders (DSA)**

Students with DSA can request aids and/or additional time (up to 30% more) by submitting a diagnosis issued no more than three years prior.

For more information, please contact Prof. Massimiliano Palmiero via email at [mpalmiero@unite.it](mailto:mpalmiero@unite.it).

## CONTACT AND SUPPORT

For technical issues or doubts during registration, contact CISIA via the "send message" service on the [CISIA Helpdesk](#) or by phone at 050-5381777, Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 17:00.

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