

## Information on AGLA/E 111 and AGLA/E 121

### 1 Testing of Academic Literacy Skills and AGLA/E 111

The academic literacy skill level of all first year students is tested

It is compulsory for all first year students to have their academic literacy levels tested on arrival at the NWU (the first test takes place during O&B and the border cases test in the first week after classes start). Academic literacy is tested through TAG (*Toets van Akademiese Geletterdheidsvlakke*) (Afrikaans) and TALL (*Test of Academic Literacy Levels*) (English). These tests are reliable, valid and are used on national level. A student can take the test in the language of his/her choice and also choose in which language to take the module.

On account of the tests the students are placed into one of five categories. The academic literacy of students in category 4 or 5 are considered adequate and they receive acknowledgment for AGLA 111 (the module in Afrikaans) or AGLA/E 111 (the module in English). All students in category 1, 2 or 3 are required to take AGLA/E 111. For these students, AGLA/E 111 is a prerequisite for AGLA/E 121.

**Please note:** Since 2010 all first year students in the Faculty of Natural Sciences are required to take AGLA/E 111 as part of their curriculum (regardless of any performance in the test). AGLA/E 111 is taken into account for credit purposes for these students. **The only exceptions** are students in the following programs: N134P, N135P, N136P, N137P, N150P and N183P. This exception is only applicable to students who obtained a code 4 or 5 in the TAG/TALL tests. These students will thus receive acknowledgment for AGLA 111 if applicable.

**Please note:** Engineering students do not take AGLA 121, but FIAP 172. If an Engineering student changes his/her course to another course other than Engineering at the start of the second semester, he/she will have to register and complete AGLA 121.

**The results for the TAG/TALL tests can be obtained by the student in the following ways: (1) by sending a sms containing NWU, followed by a space and his/her student number to 35606 (eg. NWU 12345678) (R3,00 per sms) or (2) by visiting the following webpage:**

<http://www.nwu.ac.za/potch/tagtall>

### 2 AGLA/E 111 presented only in the first semester

AGLA 111 and AGLA/E 111 is only presented in the first semester.

### **3 Compulsory module AGLA 121 (Afrikaans) and AGLE 121 (English)**

AGLA/E 121 is a compulsory module for all first year students. Before a student can register for AGLA/E 121, the student must either receive acknowledgement for AGLA/E 111 or achieve a module mark of at least 40% for AGLA/E 111. AGLA/E 121 consists of three components:

1. Academic Literacy (two periods per week, except Education students, who will have three periods per week to compensate for their Probation time).
2. Computer and Information Literacy (on eFundi). Educational Science students also has to complete this component.
3. Reading Skills (in the Reading Lab).

There are sub-minimums in each of these three components. If a student fails any one of the components, he/she has to repeat the entire module.

### **4 Division of Faculties for AGLA 121**

The presentation of AGLA 121 is divided as follows between the Faculties:

#### **First semester:**

- BMI students (N134P, N135P, N136P, N137P) as well as N150P
- Urban and Regional Planning (N183P)
- Arts
- Theology
- Law
- Health Sciences

*Please note that students in the above mentioned Faculties who are required to take AGLA/E 111 cannot take AGLA 121 in the first semester, but will have to do so in the second semester.*

#### **Second semester:**

- Natural Sciences
- Education
- Economic and Management Sciences

### **5 AGLE121 presented only in the second semester**

AGLE121 (the English module) is only presented in the second semester.

## **6 Presentation and requirements**

Even though AGLA121 is presented in both semesters of the year, a student is only allowed to register for the same module once per year.

If a student does not achieve a module mark of at least 40% for AGLA/E 111, the student cannot continue with AGLA/E 121 in the next semester and thus has to wait for the next academic year to complete AGLA/E 111 and AGLA/E 121.

Students who fail AGLA/E 111 as well as two or more modules will have the continuation of their studies for the next semester reconsidered by the Selection Committee. To avoid termination of studies, AGLA/E111 has to be passed no later than the end of the students second historical study year.

## **7 Web registration**

If a student should indicate that he/she intends to make use of web registration, please remind them to firstly obtain their TAG/TALL results, in order to verify whether the correct module(s) are registered for.

Also draw the students attention to the fact that some of the fields in AGLA/E 111/121 may already be marked and may appear grey/inactive. This does not need to concern the student as the relevant information is already uploaded.

If a student has already registered on the web, please inform the student that he/she has to rectify the AGLA/E registration in the adjustment period if it has been incorrectly done.

## **8 Students registering for the first time in the second semester**

Students registering for the first time in the second semester has to take the TAG/TALL tests during one of the test opportunities at the start of the following academic year in order to obtain possible acknowledgment for AGLA/E 111. If the student does not take the test, he/she will be required to register for AGLA/E 111.

***See the next page for a shortened registration guidance, as well as arrangements with regards to pipeline students (senior students).***

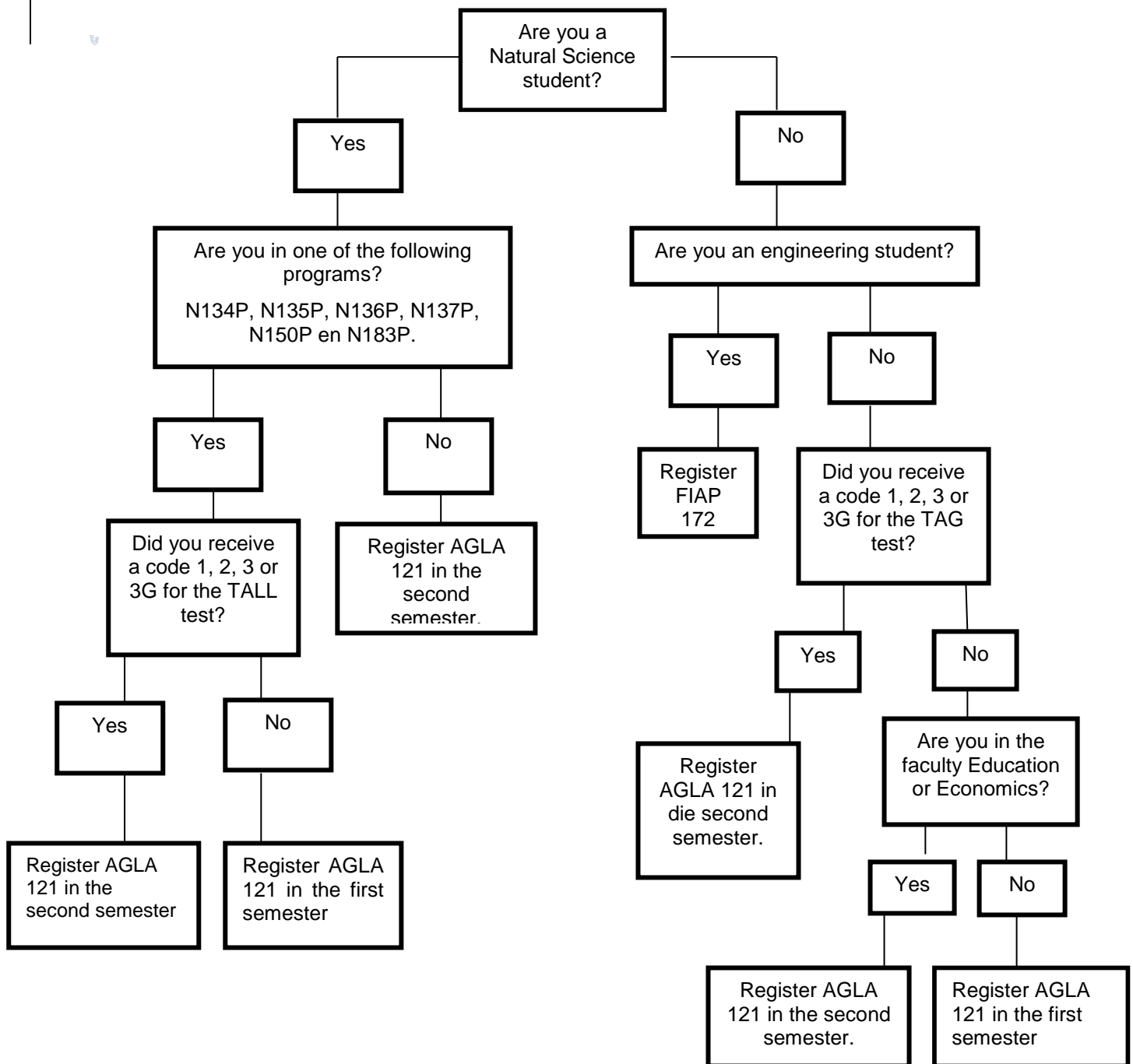
## 9 Shortened registration guidance

### 9.1 AGLA/E 111

- 1) AGLA/E 111 is only presented in semester 1.
- 2) Students who scored a code 1, 2, 3 or 3G for the TAG/TALL are required to register for AGLA/E 111 (including engineering students).
- 3) AGLA/E 111 is compulsory for all Natural Science students, except for programmes N134P, N135P, N136P, N137P, N150P and N138P.

### 9.2 AGLA/E 121

- 1) AGLA/E 121 is only presented in semester 2. AGLA/E 121 is compulsory for all students, except for engineering students, who will instead be registering for FIAP 172.
- 2) The decision diagram below will guide the students in order to correctly register for AGLA/E 121.



## 10 Pipeline students

There are certain arrangements for pipeline students (senior students) whom has not completed RINL 111, LEER 111 and/or AFNL 116/126 or ENGL 116/126. The arrangements are as follows:

### REGISTRATION regarding ACADEMIC LITERACY

#### SENIOR STUDENTS

If the senior student passed/failed the module(s) in column A, where indicated, he/she must register or is exempted from the module(s) indicated in column B.

A		B	
<b>FAIL</b>	AFNL 116/126 <b>or</b> ENGL 116/126	<b>Register</b>	AGLA/AGLE 111
<b>FAIL</b>	LEER 111 <b>or</b> RINL 111	<b>Register</b>	AGLA/AGLE 121  (The student <u>must</u> complete all three components of the module, even if the student previously passed RINL 111 or LEER 111.)
<b>FAIL</b>	LEER 111 <b>and</b> RINL 111	<b>Register</b>	AGLA/AGLE 121
<b>PASS</b>	RINL 111 <b>and</b> LEER 111	<b>Exempted from</b>	AGLA/AGLE 121
<b>PASS</b>	AFNL 116/126 <b>or</b> ENGL 116/126	<b>Exempted from</b>	AGLA/AGLE 111

If AGLA/E 111 is outstanding, the senior student has to register for it in the first semester.

If only AGLA 121 is outstanding, the senior student has to register for it in the first semester. AGLE 121 is only presented in the second semester.

If both AGLA/E 111 and AGLA/E 121 is outstanding, the senior student has to register for AGLA/E 111 in the first semester and for AGLA/E 121 in the second semester.

## 10 Enquiries

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