



Parana speaks English: EMI experience at the State Universities

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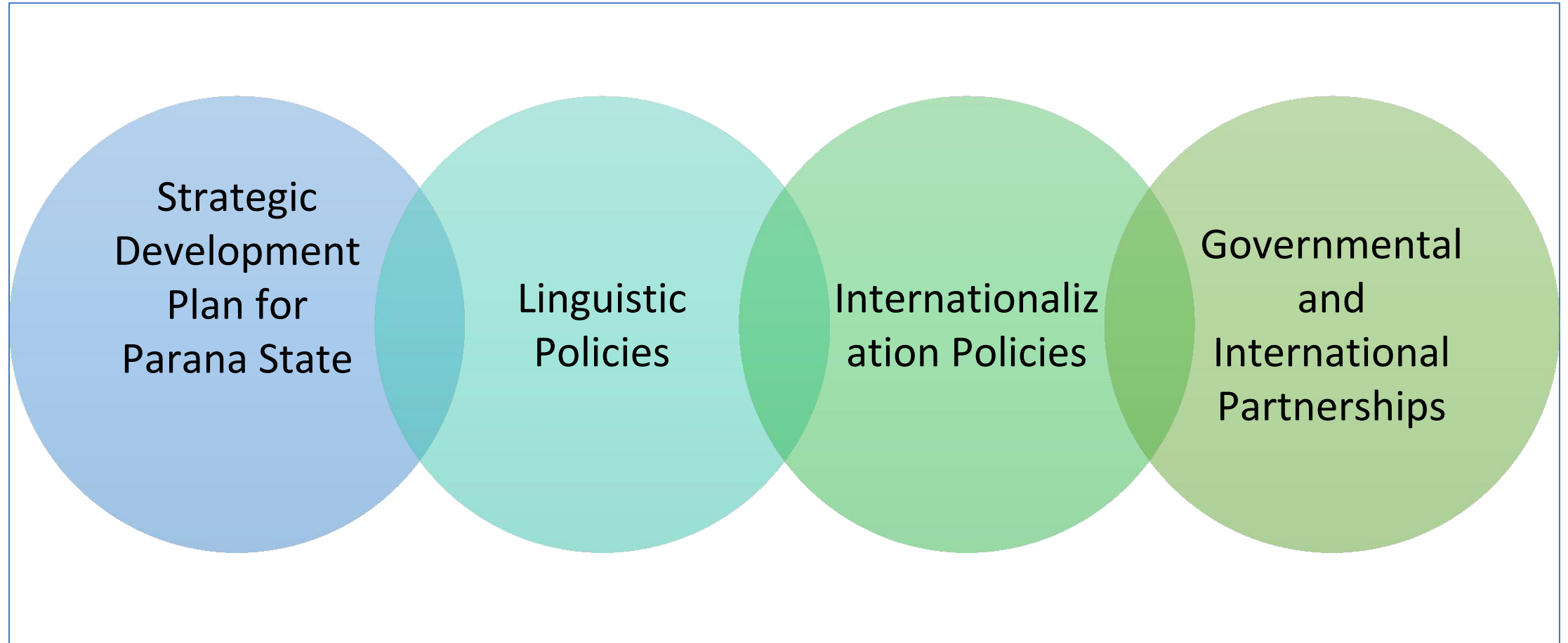
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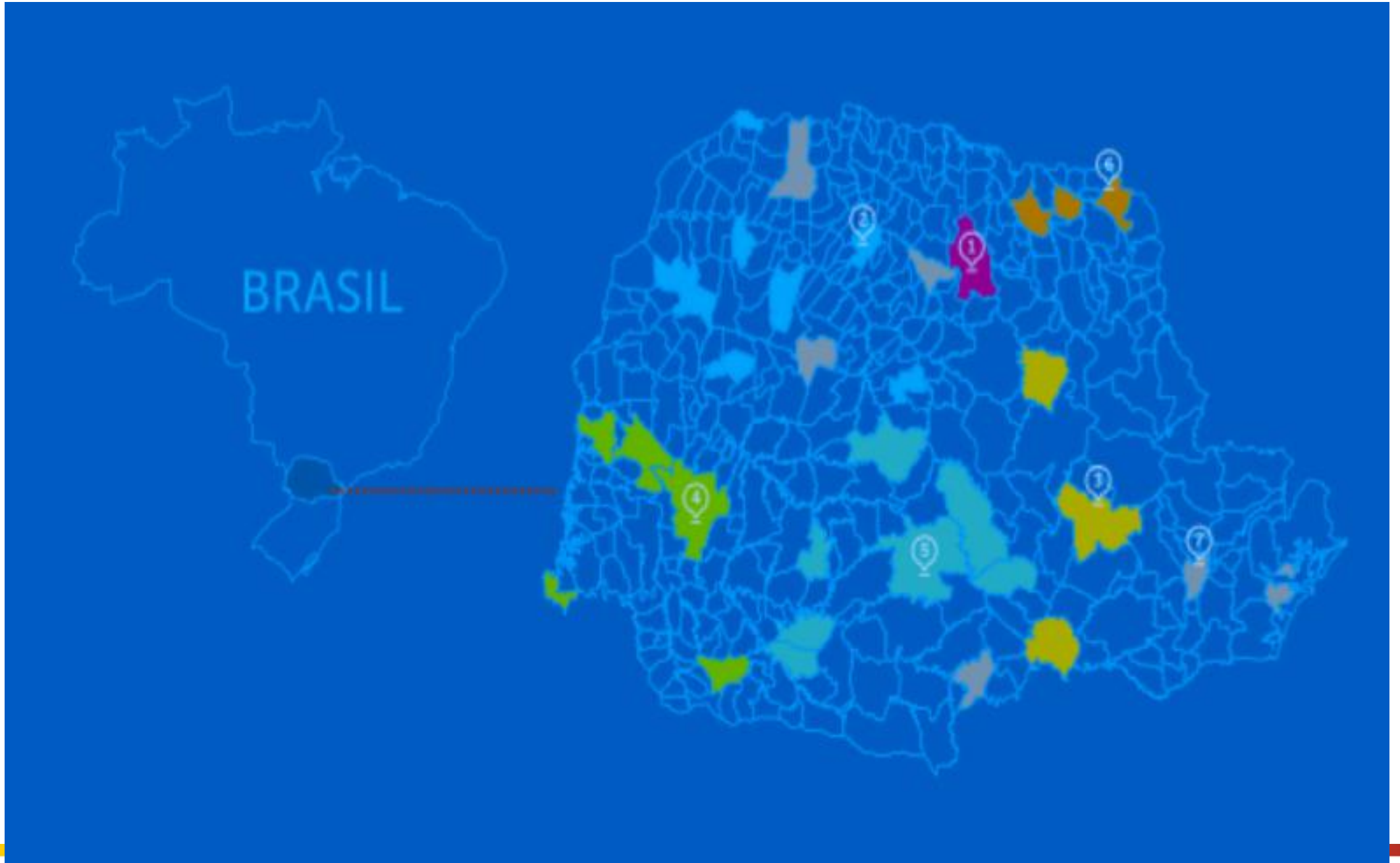


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PSE Context





Cambridge Assessment English context



Cambridge Assessment
English

- Cambridge Assessment English is part of the University of Cambridge
- University's mission is to contribute to society through the pursuit of education, learning and research at the highest international levels of excellence.
- Cambridge Assessment English's mission is to help people learn English and prove their skills to the world
- As part of its HE strategy for working with Brazilian universities, which has as its core developing mutually beneficial relationships with Brazilian HE institutions
- To extend its research into EMI and other areas

The research project: EMI

Small scale research project: case study of professors in the 7 state universities in Paraná

Investigation prompted by following considerations:

For university teaching staff presenting their specialist subject in English can be a challenge, likewise for students receiving lectures because:

- it involves learning new lexis;
- following different conventions;
- having an adequate level of English to deliver lectures and for Brazilian students and students from different countries to understand clearly



Research Questions

- **Research question 1:** What is the view of EMI from the point of view of the decision makers, professors and students?
- **Research question 2:** How prepared do professors consider themselves to be to deliver EMI classes?
- **Research question 3:** What additional support do professors feel they need to become more effective in the use of EMI/overcome challenges?
- **Research question 4:** What suggestions do students have with regards to the teaching of disciplines in the media of English?



Methodology

Phase one: selection of professors and understanding attitudes towards EMI in State Universities of Parana

- Selection criteria, Cambridge English Linguaskill, questionnaires

Phase two: preparing professors to deliver lectures in English

- Cambridge English Certificate in EMI Skills online course, questionnaires

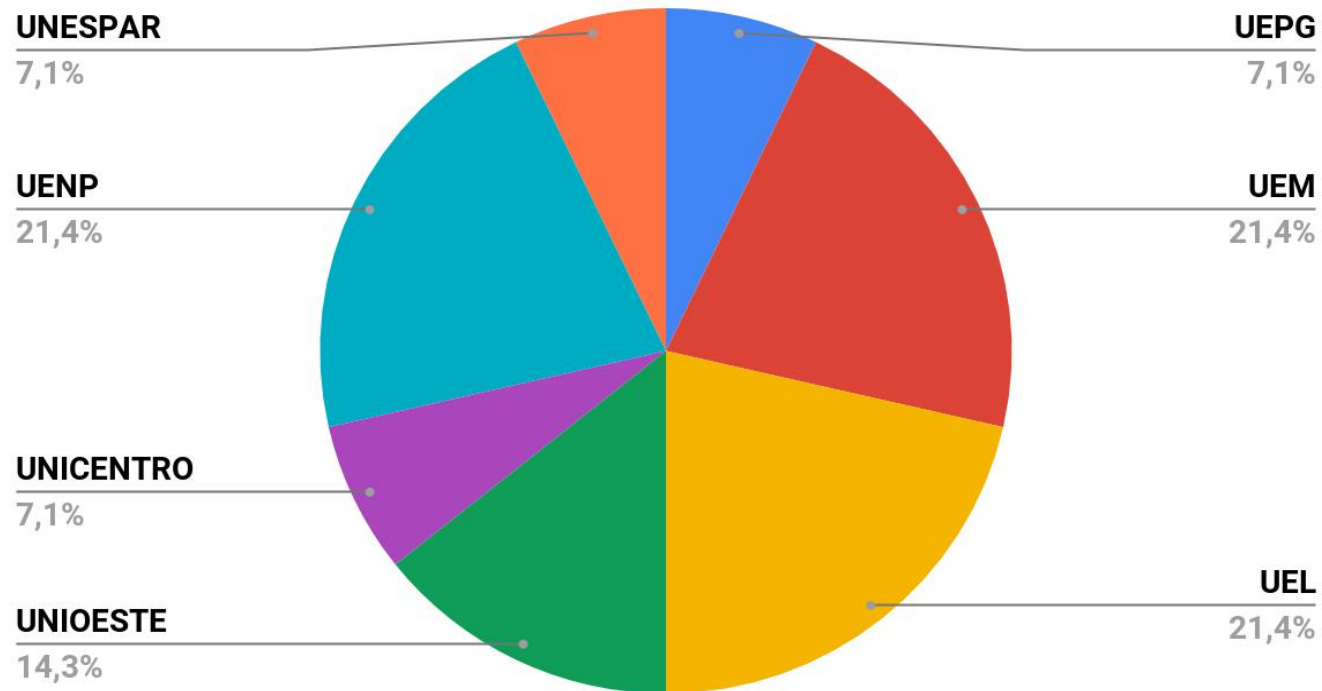
Phase three: Delivery of lectures in English

- Group forums and questionnaires to reflect on experience



Partial results

QUANTITATIVE OF PARTICIPANTS



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE

EDUCATION

7,1%

DEVELOPMENTAL

7,1%

ECONOMY

7,1%

DENTISTRY

7,1%

AGRICULTURAL

7,1%

HEALTH SCIENCES

7,1%

PHYSIOTHERAPY

7,1%

MICROBIOLOGY

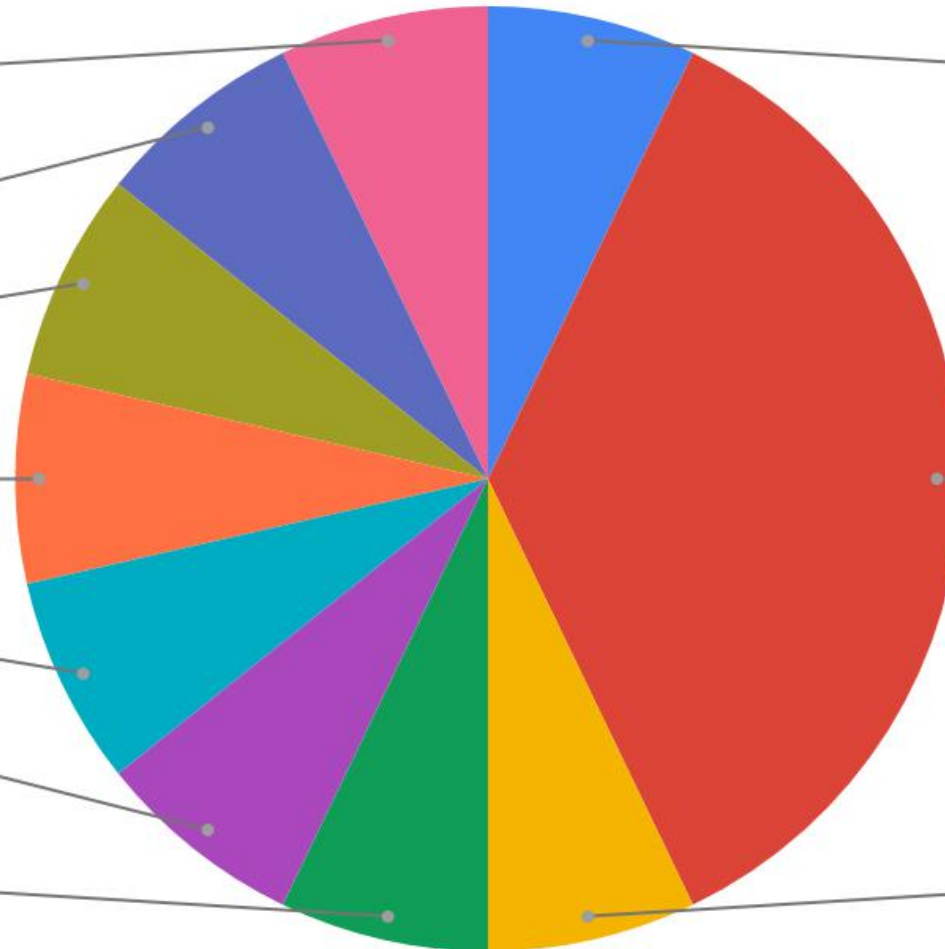
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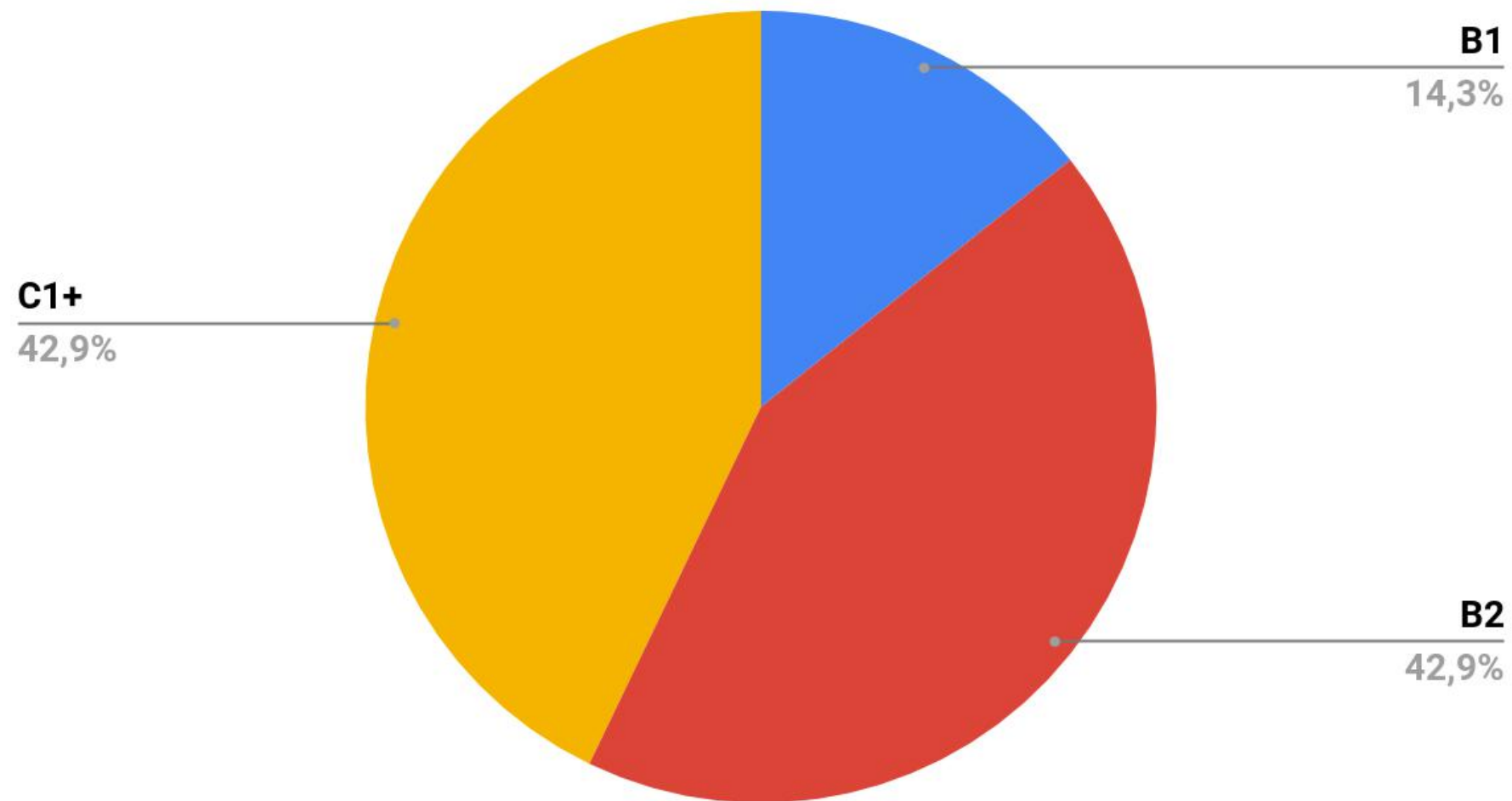
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MATEMATHICS

7,1%



PROFICIENY LEVEL



Expected Outcomes

- Better understanding of the current status of EMI across Parana State universities, e.g. challenges professors face when delivering their classes in English and of students when receiving EMI classes;
- Development of guidelines for the teaching EMI in Brazil;
- Support Brazilian universities in their internationalization process;
- Contribution to further research on EMI in Brazil and abroad
- Strengthening of relationship between University of Cambridge and universities within Parana State



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Thank you!

