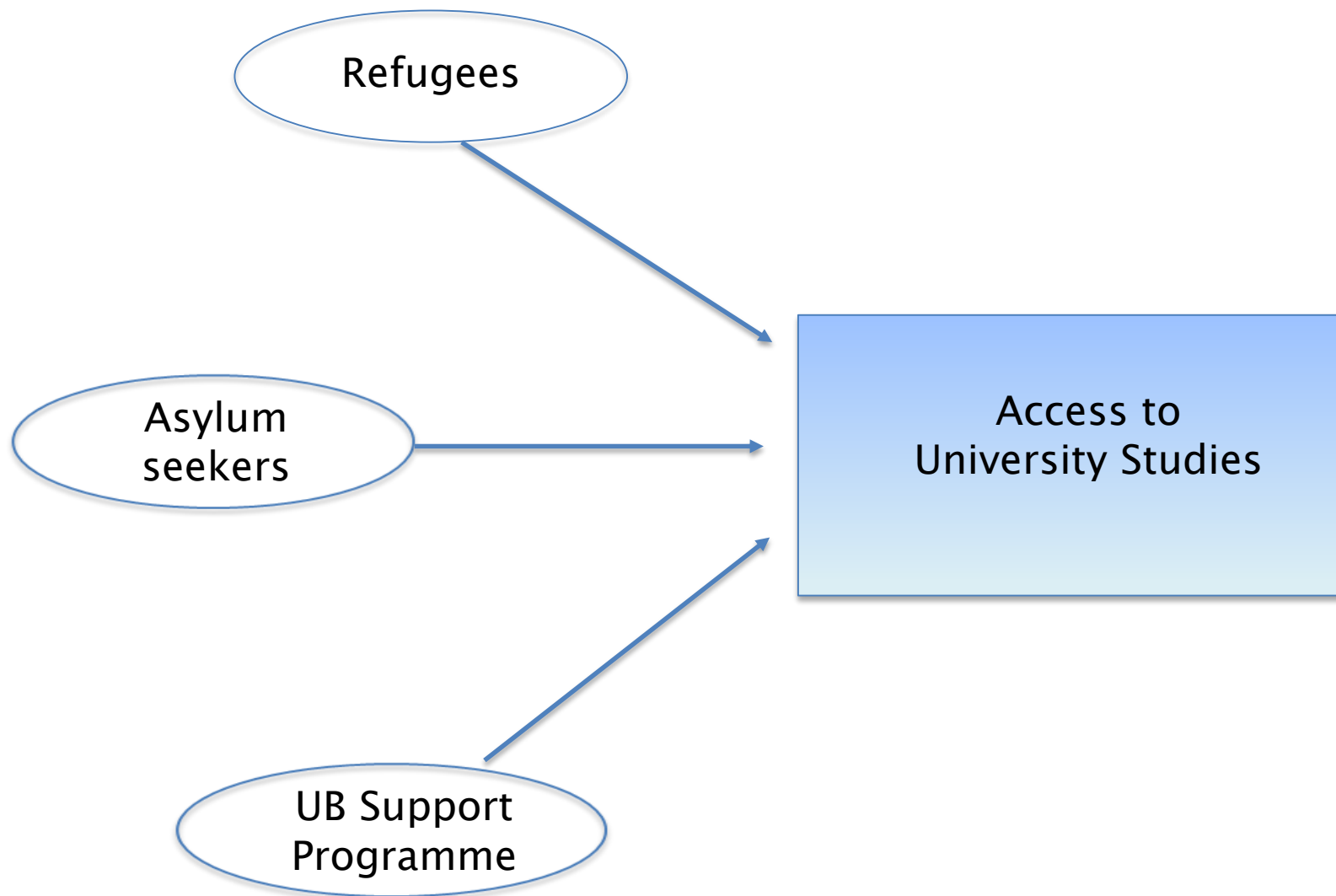




First steps towards the Integration of refugee into the University.

The University of Barcelona experience

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RECOGNITION

The University of Barcelona recognizes:

- ✓ Access to bachelor's degree for students who have begun or completed university studies, with 30 or more relevant validated credits for the degree course they wish to study
- ✓ Access to master's degree for students who have completed university studies

The University of Barcelona does not recognize:

- ✗ First-time access to bachelor's degrees
- ✗ Qualifications for access to professional activity



AIMS OF THE PROTOCOL

- **Facilitate access to University of Barcelona courses** for students that form part of the support programmes initiated by the UB Solidarity Foundation and for refugees, displaced persons and asylum seekers
- **Present guidelines on documentation evaluation** to administrative staff from faculties where such students submit admission applications
- **Provide tools in assessing applicant's level of studies** to assist academic staff



DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Access to bachelor's degree:

- Transcript of records, with information of the grading system used by foreign university
- The syllabus of the degree begun by the applicant, listing the subjects in their degree,

Access to master's degree:

- Copy of bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Transcript of records

Documents must to be legally validated and officially translated by the appropriate diplomatic channel.



DIFFERENT SITUATIONS

- **Documentation that meets most requirements**, is original or a certified copy and has all the official verification stamps, but has not been translated

The documents are accepted and translated by the University of Barcelona



DIFFERENT SITUATIONS

- **Documentation that is not original and lacks some of or all of the official stamps**

The student must to provide:

- A sworn statement as to the veracity of the declared data
- An authorization to confirm these data with the institution where the studies were completed

An interview with academic staff can be required



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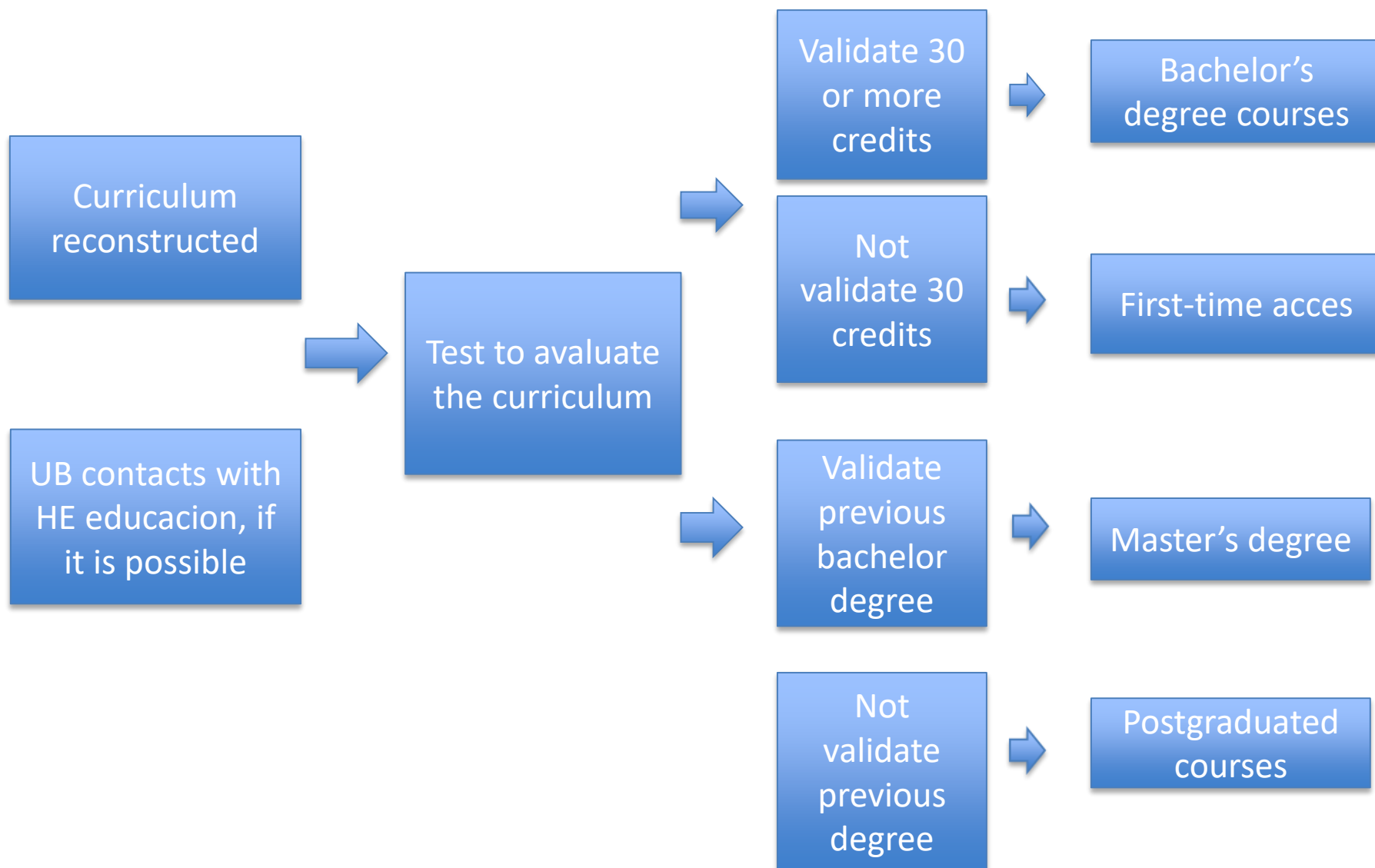
➤ Incomplete documentation

The student must to provide:

- A reconstruction of the academic curriculum with evidences
- A sworn statement as to the veracity of the declared data
- An authorization to confirm these data with the institution where the studies were completed

Academic staff from faculties has to do:

- Test and interviews to evaluate the student's level





APPLYING THE PROTOCOL

- 7 students from Erasmus Exchange programme (Erasmus KA-107) for students from outside Europe, from Syria and Palestine who have expressed interest in applying for asylum in Spain
- Students who are now participating in the transition course of the UB Solidarity Foundation support programme

We will continue working to improve the integration of refugees in higher education



Many thanks for your
kind attention!

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