



## **IGETC**

### **Meeting the Language Other Than English Requirement (LOTE Requirement)**

#### **10.6 Language Other Than English (LOTE)**

**Exception:** Only students transferring to the UC are required to meet this area.

Students shall demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English equal to two years of high school study. Those students who have satisfied the UC freshman entrance requirement in a language other than English will have fulfilled this requirement. This requirement may also be satisfied by demonstration of equivalent proficiency prior to transfer.

Language courses should provide instruction in the written and oral language as well as history and cultural traditions of the country associated with the language studied. Languages other than English for Native Speakers are appropriate for transfer. Courses primarily conversational must have as a prerequisite a course equivalent to the third year of high school study or one year of college level in the language. Also, the content of conversation courses should not be primarily business or travel-oriented.

##### **10.6.1 Certification of Competence in a Language Other Than English**

Students transferring to the University of California are required to demonstrate competence (*proficiency*) in a language other than English equal to two years of high school study. Competence may be demonstrated through one of the following mechanisms:

1. Satisfactory completion of two years of high school coursework (*United States high school or high school in country where the language of instruction is English*) in a language other than English, with a grade of "C-" or better in each course. The two years must be in the same language.
2. Satisfactory completion of a course (*or courses*) at a college or university with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better in each course. Usually, one semester of college work in a language other than English is equivalent to two years of high school work. The equivalency is usually stated in the college catalog. For the purpose of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, the appropriate course (*or courses*) that can be used to satisfy the Language Other Than English (*LOTE*) requirement is indicated on the approved IGETC list of each community college.
3. Satisfactory completion, with "C" (2.0) grades or better, of two years of formal schooling at the sixth grade level or higher in an institution where the language of instruction is not English. Appropriate documentation must be presented to substantiate that the required coursework was completed. If an official sealed transcript cannot be obtained from a foreign institution an unofficial or opened transcript may be used to verify proficiency.  
Students who cannot provide documentation should either pass one of the examinations or tests listed below in 4 through 10, or satisfactorily complete an appropriate language course at their college, as outlined in 2 above.
4. Satisfactory score on the SAT II: Subject Test in languages other than English.

*Before May 1995 use 1st score; if taken after May 1995 use 2nd score:*

Chinese with listening: 500/520

Hebrew (Modern): 500/470

Korean/Korean with listening: /500

French/French with listening: 500/540

Italian: 500/520

Latin: 500/530

German/German with listening: 500/510

Japanese with listening: 500/510

Spanish/Spanish with listening: 500/520

5. Satisfactory score, 3 or higher, on the College Board Advanced Placement examinations in languages other than English.

6. Satisfactory score, 5 or higher, on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examinations in language other than English.

7. Satisfactory completion of an achievement test administered by a community college, university, or other college in a language other than English. The test will have to assess the student's proficiency at the level equivalent to two years of high school language.

This conclusion must be posted on a transcript indicating unit, course title and grade or on a document with letter head of the institution granting proficiency stating that the student has mastered proficiency in the language equivalent to two years of high school language.

8. If an achievement test is not available, a faculty member associated with a United States regionally accredited institution of higher education can verify a student's competency. The institution must provide a document on letterhead asserting that the student has mastered proficiency in the language equivalent to two years of high school study. (See Section 11.6 for a sample. This sample must be printed on college/ university letterhead.)

9. Language other than English "O" level exam with grade of "A", "B", or "C".

10. Language other than English International "A" Level exam with a score of 5, 6, or 7.

#### **10.6.1a Language Other Than English-Sequential Knowledge**

In May 2005, UC faculty confirmed that foreign language is an area of sequential knowledge and validation in this area is acceptable. During the 2005-06 TCA update, agreements were adjusted to reflect this understanding. Courses that are equivalent to two years of high school study are identified by a footnote and with the IGETC Area 6A designation for each foreign language at each CCC. In addition, courses beyond the proficiency level as well as the second half of split courses are also identified with the IGETC Area 6A designation. UCOP no longer requires both courses of a split sequence to be taken in order for credit to be granted. The second half of a split course sequence may now validate the first half. Credit should be granted for each individual course as indicated on the community college transcript. For practical purposes this policy began in the 2005-06 year but UC campuses may use discretion when considering students from past years. Flexibility is encouraged whenever possible.

## 10.6.2 Using High School Courses to Meet the Language Proficiency Requirement

The following are regulations used by the University of California in evaluating high school work in Languages Other Than English:

### 10.6.2a Acceptable Courses

Two years of high school coursework in a language other than English. The two years must be in the same language.

**Example:** If a student takes two languages, but completes only one year in each, he/she **has not met** the requirement.

If a student has not completed two years of foreign language in high school, he/she can meet the proficiency requirement by completing a community college course that is equivalent in level to two years of high school, with a “C” (2.0) grade or better.

### 10.6.2b Seventh and Eighth Grade Courses

Courses in languages other than English completed in the 7th and 8th grades with grades of at least “C-” may be used (*see Section 9.3/10.6.2d*). However, the principal of the high school from which a student graduates must certify that the 7th and 8th grade courses are comparable in content to those offered at the high school. This may be done by including the names of and grades for these courses on the student's transcript, or by stating their equivalency on the transcript. The 7th and 8th grade courses may also be validated if the student completes one semester or more of a foreign language in the high school at level three or higher.

### 10.6.2c Validation of Less Advanced Coursework

A more advanced course may be used to “validate” a less advanced course even if the less advanced course does not appear on the high school transcript.

**Example:** Spanish level 2 in high school completed with at least “C-” grades “validates” Spanish level 1.

### 10.6.2d Evaluation of Letter Grades

The University of California does not count “minus” or “plus” grades in computing the grade point average; only the whole grade is used from high school coursework. In other words, a “C-” grade is counted as a whole “C”.

**Example:** A student receiving “C-” grades in Spanish level 1 and level 2 meets the language proficiency requirement.

### 10.6.2e “D” and “F” Grades in Less Advanced Work

Students may clear “D” and “F” grades in less advanced work by completing more advanced work with grades of “C-” or higher.

#### **Examples:**

1. A student taking two years of the same language with grades “DD” and “CC” meets the requirement because the “CC” in the more advanced course validates the “DD” in the first level course.

2. Two years of the same language with grades “DD” and “DC” meets the requirement because the “D’s” are validated by the grade in the most advanced class.
3. Two years of the same language with grades “CC” and “DD” does NOT meet the requirement because the “D” grade is in the most advanced course.

#### **10.6.2f Repeating Courses with “D” or “F” Grades**

A student may clear “D” and “F” grades by repeating the course(s) in which the “D” or “F” grades were received.

**Example:** If a student repeats Spanish level 1 because of “D” grades and then gets a “C-” or better, it counts as one year completed. However, the student will still need to take an additional year (*Spanish level 2*) to meet the requirement.

#### **10.6.3 Placement of Courses Meeting the Language Other Than English Requirement**

The completion of an advanced course, such as French level 3, “validates” the student’s proficiency in the language and can be used to satisfy proficiency and clear IGETC Area 6A, Language Other Than English.

Appropriate exams can be used to certify the Language Other Than English (*LOTE*) requirement. The more advanced language courses that focus on culture and otherwise satisfy the specifications of the humanities can be used to satisfy the Area 3B (*Humanities*) and clear IGETC Area 6A, Language Other Than English (*LOTE*).

#### **10.7 CSU U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals Requirement**

The CSU U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals (*AI*) graduation requirement is not part of IGETC. Courses used to satisfy this requirement may also be listed in IGETC Subject Areas 3B and/or 4. CSU campuses have the discretion whether to allow courses used to satisfy the CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals (*AI*) graduation requirement to count in both Areas 3B/4 and to meet the *AI* graduation requirement.