

## Foreign Language Waivers

Students who are native speakers of a language other than English may be eligible to waive the foreign language requirement of the College of Arts and Sciences. A waiver simply means that the student has already fulfilled this particular requirement and, as such, need not take any additional coursework in foreign languages.

The waiver DOES NOT grant credit and it DOES NOT exempt the student from completing the necessary 121 credit hours for graduation. If a waiver is granted, the student must replace the designated hours of foreign language coursework with elective courses to complete the total minimum requirement for graduation.

There are two ways in which students can demonstrate their proficiency in a language other than English outside of the AP and CLEP exams, which do award credit. The first is through documentation, the second is through testing.

Speakers of French, German, or Spanish who do not wish to take courses in those languages should take the CLEP exam in order to satisfy the language requirement as the CLEP exam awards credit.

Student should expect the processing of their requests to take a minimum of two weeks and, therefore should not leave this for the last minute (i.e., the week of graduation).

### To request a waiver

Students requesting a waiver must come to the department of Modern & Classical Languages office IN PERSON to submit the waiver request form that follows this information sheet as well as any required supporting documentation.

### Waiver through documentation of proficiency in a language other than English

Acceptable documentation includes

- a. Transcript that show that the student attended two or more years in an institution (High school and above) located outside of the United States where the primary language of instruction was other than English.
- b. Test results showing that the student has earned the following scores on the TOEFL or STAMP 4s (Spanish) exams

#### TOEFL

213 or higher on the computer-based test,  
79 or higher on the internet-based test  
550 or higher on the paper-based test

#### STAMP 4s

3 for the Bachelor of Science degree  
4 for the Bachelor of Arts degree

## Waiver through testing

Acceptable testing includes

- a. A passing score on a test from the BYU Foreign Language Achievement Testing Service. Students should contact the department of Modern Languages for information on taking a FLATS test.

FLATS tests are available for the following languages:

Albanian	Arabic	Armenian	Bulgarian
Cambodian	Cantonese-Simplified	Cantonese-Traditional	Cebuano
Croatian	Czech	Danish	Dutch
Estonian	Fijian	Finnish	French
Georgian	German	Greek	Haitian-Creole
Hmong	Hungarian	Icelandic	Ilonggo-Hiligaynon
Indonesian	Italian	Japanese	Korean
Latvian	Lithuanian	Malagasy	Malay
Mandarin-Simplified	Mandarin-Traditional	Mongolian	Norwegian
Persian-Farsi	Polish	Portuguese-Brazilian	Portuguese-Continental
Romanian	Russian	Samoan	Serbian
Spanish	Swedish	Tagalog	Tahitian
Thai	Tongan	Ukrainian	Vietnamese

- b. An independent language exam. For languages not on this list, it is the student's responsibility to locate an acceptable authority in the language that is willing to administer an exam. An authority is someone who is affiliated with an accredited institution or embassy, and who is familiar with language-level designations at U.S. universities. This may include:
  - a full-time instructor of another institution who teaches this particular language;
  - a full-time instructor of any subject at the University of Louisville who is fluent in the student's native language;
  - an authority at the local embassy or consulate;

If the student opts to take a foreign language exam, he or she must provide the Department of Modern and Classical Languages with test results. The authority that administered and graded the exam should attach a letter on their institutional letterhead describing the exam. In order to qualify for a waiver, the student must provide evidence that they read, write and speak the language at or above the intermediate level. Please note that not every language has a corresponding resource available to assist in administering an exam.

## Application for Foreign Language Waiver

Please use ink, print legibly and complete this form in its entirety. You must submit this form and all supporting documentation in person to the Classical and Modern Languages main office in HUM 332.

- All students should submit section I.
- Students requesting a waiver based on documentation (transcript, TOEFL or STAMP 4s) should complete Section II.
- Students requesting a waiver based on testing for a language other than French, German or Spanish should complete section III.
- All students should submit the appropriate supporting documentation.

### Section I: Student Information

Name				
Student ID				
UofL email address				
Major				
I am a (check one)	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Language for which waiver is requested				

### Section II: (if applicable) Request for Waiver through Documentation

Please check box A if you are providing transcripts, box B if you are providing TOEFL scores or box C if you are providing a STAMP score.

A. I certify that I have studied for two or more years in a secondary level or higher foreign educational institution where the primary language of instruction was other than English.

Primary language of instruction					
School		Country		Dates	
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B. I certify that I earned the score on the TOEFL required for admission to UofL.

C. I certify that I earned the required score on the STAMP 4s in Spanish (3 for the BS, 4 for the BA)

**Section III: (if applicable) Request for Waiver through Testing:**

- A. I have earned a passing score on a BYU FLATS test
- B. I have been found to be proficient by an acceptable authority (for languages not tested by the BYU FLATS)

If you check box A you must register for and take the FLATS test [For more information TBA]

If you check box B, you must submit the Examiner's and Assessment Information form that follows this application.

I certify that all information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved/Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_