

# University of Arizona

## Second Language Requirement for Undergraduate Degrees

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➤ **Second language requirements vary depending on whether you are in a B.A or a non-B.A degree program.**

**For all students in B.A. degree programs:** fourth-semester skill level in a second language is required. B.A. degree students may fulfill this requirement with one of the following options:

1. Scoring the equivalent of fourth-semester skill level on a proctored proficiency examination administered by The University of Arizona.
2. Completion with a C or better of a fourth-semester course at the post-secondary level.
3. Completion with a C or higher of a 300- or 400-level language course at the post-secondary level.
4. Completion of one course beyond the third semester in combination with an **AP** (Advanced Placement) score, **IB** (International Baccalaureate) score or a **CLEP** (College Level Entrance Program) score determined by the individual language department.
5. An AP, IB, or CLEP language score as listed below.

Examination	AP Score	IB Score	CLEP Score
Chinese	5	-	-
French	3 or higher	5 or higher	63 or higher
German	3 or higher	4 or higher	60 or higher
Italian	3 or higher		
Japanese	5		
Latin (Classical Lang)	5 or higher	6 or higher	-
Spanish	3 or higher	5 or higher	68 or higher

6. A minimum of one semester study abroad in a language program approved by the appropriate language department as the equivalent of fourth-semester skill level.

**For all students in non-B.A. degree programs:** second-semester skill level in a second language is required. Non-B.A. degree students may fulfill this requirement with one of the following options:

1. Scoring the equivalent of second-semester skill level on a proctored proficiency examination administered by The University of Arizona.
2. Completion with a C or better of a second semester course at the post-secondary level.
3. An **AP** (Advanced Placement), **IB** (International Baccalaureate) or **CLEP** (College Level Entrance Program) language score as listed below.

Examination	AP Score	IB Score	CLEP Score
Chinese	3 or higher	-	-
French	3 or higher	5 or higher	49 or higher
German	3 or higher	4 or higher	46 or higher
Italian	3 or higher		
Japanese	3 or higher		
Latin (Classical Lang)	3 or higher	4 or higher	-
Spanish	3 or higher	4 or higher	55 or higher

4. In the College of Engineering by a method determined within the College; however, all students in the college must also take a language placement examination on entrance to the University.

**Note:**

Credit will not be awarded for language courses equivalent to, or at a lower level than, elementary or intermediate language courses for which the student has already earned credit (i.e., University Credit, transfer credit, or credit by exam). This policy applies to languages offered by the College of Education (i.e., American Sign Language), College of Humanities (i.e., Chinese, Critical Languages, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish), and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (i.e., Arabic, Hebrew, Navajo, O'Odham, Persian, Turkish).

U.S. students who are native speakers of a language other than English (e.g. Spanish, American Sign Language, and Navajo) may satisfy the requirement through a proficiency exam administered by the appropriate department.

International students who are native speakers of languages other than English may fulfill the Second Language Requirement with the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or with the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), provided that it was an admissions requirement and their score was satisfactory for admission to the University of Arizona. Alternatively, in lieu of an acceptable score on one of these standardized tests, an Endorsement from the Center for English as a Second Language satisfy the Second Language Requirement. U.S. citizens and international students from countries where English is the official language may not use the TOEFL, IELTS, or CESL Endorsement to satisfy the Second Language Requirement; those students must meet the requirement through one of the options stated above.

All questions about language proficiency exams should be directed to the department that will evaluate proficiency. If you want to be tested in a language that is not taught by a UA department, contact: