

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT WAIVER
FOR NON-ENGLISH NATIVE AND HERITAGE SPEAKERS
SEEKING A B.A. IN THE EBERLY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The foreign language requirement for students seeking a B.A. in the Eberly college of Arts and Sciences will be waived in the following circumstances:

- International students for whom English is a second language: Students who had to submit TOEFL scores or complete the Intensive English Program to be admitted to WVU will have the foreign language requirement waived. Complete and submit the form on the reverse of this page.
- Native speakers of languages other than English who completed part of their education in a non-English educational system: Students need to submit proof of enrollment in a foreign school in which the language of instruction was not English until the completion of at least elementary school, or at least two years of middle school or high school. Complete and submit the form on the reverse of this page.
- Heritage speakers, or native speakers without proof of foreign education, have the following options:
 1. If the language is offered by the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, they will be able to complete the foreign language requirement through the regular Placement Test, Credit by Exam, and Back Credit systems. Information is available at the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics office (205 Chitwood Hall).
 2. If the language is not currently offered by the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, but there is a faculty member in the department proficient in that language, the student may request a special test from the Department. If the faculty member recommends that the foreign language requirement be waived, the Department will communicate the decision using the form on the reverse of this page. Information is available at the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics office (205 Chitwood Hall).
 3. If there are no faculty members in the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics who can evaluate that language, there will be three options:
 - A. If available, students can submit proof of their proficiency in the language through standardized tests administered by other reputed and rigorous institutions. Complete and submit the form on the reverse of this page.
 - B. Students can provide alternative documentation concerning their language proficiency. In this case, the waiver of the foreign language requirement will be at the discretion of the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Complete and submit the form on the reverse of this page
 - C. Complete the foreign language requirement in another language.

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Student name: _____ ID: _____

Mailing address: _____

Major: _____ Date of request: _____

As a native/heritage speaker of _____, I am asking that the foreign language requirement for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences be waived. I understand that a waiver does not establish credit, but merely excuses me from the requirement. I wish to provide evidence for my proficiency in this language through:

_____ TOEFL or IEP results for admission to WVU.

_____ Evidence that I attended an elementary school or at least two years of middle school or high school in which the primary language of instruction was the language identified above.

Describe evidence provided: _____

_____ Testing through the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics. The examiner completing the testing must complete the information in the section below.

_____ Other. Please describe: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by examiner:

I have tested this student and determined that he or she demonstrates reading, writing, and speaking skills at least equivalent to those of a student who has completed four semesters of instruction in the language identified above.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ Approved _____ Not approved

Valerie Lastinger _____ Date
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences

Send or bring this form to: Valerie Lastinger, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, Colson Hall Annex, or email to Kgustely@mail.wvu.edu