
SECOND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Candidates must upload verification of experience learning a second language obtained through one of the following options:

- A. Completion of one semester or one quarter of course work that emphasizes the learning of a language other than English (including American Sign Language). A grade of “C” or better, “Pass,” or “Credit,” must be earned in each course, verified by an official transcript from a regionally accredited college or university, or comparable institution outside the United States. *Professional development and continuing education units from such institution are acceptable.*
- B. Successful completion of two years of course work in a language other than English in grades (7) through twelve (12) in a public or private secondary school with an average grade of “C” or better, verified by an official transcript or a letter from the school.
- C. Successful completion of the training in a language other than English given by the Peace Corps to volunteers preparing to serve in a non-English speaking country, verified by official Peace Corps documentation.
- D. Immigrating to the United States from a non-English speaking country at any age, verified by a birth certificate, passport, entry visas, or other documents.
- E. Passage of any nationally administered, standardized examination in a language other than English, verified by an official score report.
- F. A proficiency level of “novice-high” or above on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Inc. (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines or “0+” (zero plus) or above on the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) Proficiency Descriptions, verified by an official score report.
- G. A score on a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) examination in a language other than English administered by the College Board equal to or higher than the minimum score recommended by the American Council on Education for awarding credit for two semesters, verified by an official score report.
- H. Residence in a non-English speaking country or countries for twelve (12) consecutive months at age 18 or older, verified by passports, work visas, letters from employers, or other documents.
- I. Successful completion of one academic year (over a single period) at age 14 or above at a school in which all instruction except in the subject area of English, was delivered in a language other than English, verified by an official transcript or a letter from the school.
- J. Successful completion of two academic years in a non-English language development school program. Must be verified by letter or transcript (e.g. Chinese language after-school or Saturday language program).
- K. Achievement of a score on the Advanced Placement Examination (APE) in a language other than English offered by Educational Testing Service (ETS) for which college credit or advanced standing is awarded, verified by either an official transcript or a letter from the registrar’s or admission’s office from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- L. Completion of 90 hours of language training, with a grade of “C” or better or the equivalent, in a language other than English offered under the auspices of the California Department of Education’s Bilingual Teacher Training Program (BTTP) or by a county office or school district whose program, prior to its implementation, has been deemed equivalent to the BTTP by the California Department of Education. This training is to be verified by a letter signed by an authorized representative of the BTTP or county or district program.