Official University Curriculum Wording on the Second Language Requirement

The University Curriculum (UC) requires students who do not meet certain criteria to improve their language proficiency by the equivalent of two college-level semesters.

Students can place out of this requirement in ONE of the following ways:

- *Scoring a 4 or 5 on Advanced Placement (AP) language exam*
- *Scoring a 5, 6, or 7 on the Higher Level International Baccalaureate (IB) language exam*
- *A score of Intermediate Mid or above on the ACTFL OPI exam in a language not taught at SMU*
- *Placing beyond 4th semester language on the SMU placement test (students will be contacted by the WLL Advisor for further testing)*
- *Native literacy in a language other than English (as determined by International Student Admissions)*
- *Transferring in two sequential terms of a second language taken prior to matriculation at SMU at any regionally accredited, post-secondary institution*

Students who do not otherwise meet the second language proficiency upon matriculation, can meet this requirement at SMU in one of the following ways:

Take 2 terms of a brand-new language. SMU offers Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

Continue a language already studied. Most students will take two terms of language to satisfy this requirement, although students who come in with 3 levels of proficiency will only have one term left to complete.

Students may complete the University Curriculum's Second Language Requirement (SLR) with two sequential terms of a second language taken at any regionally accredited, post-secondary institution. This coursework may be completed either pre- or post-matriculation. This policy applies to both transfer and first-year students with dual/concurrent credit, and this policy applies to coursework completed at both two- and four-year institutions.

- ***Note:*** *The above policy refers only to students' satisfaction of the UC's Second Language proficiency. It in no way changes pre-existing university policy about how foreign language transfer credit is evaluated. Nor does it affect WLL policies about procedures for determining placement in WLL courses. Coursework that counts toward the UC SLR will not necessarily transfer for credit to SMU or fulfill any requirements for WLL programs. Eligibility of such coursework to transfer to SMU will be determined by the Division of Enrollment Services and the undergraduate schools of record. Eligibility of such*

coursework to transfer toward a WLL program will be determined solely by the Department of World Languages and Literature. Students who complete the SLR through course work taken at other regionally accredited post-secondary institutions and want to continue language study at SMU must take the appropriate WLL placement exam and abide by those results.

Transfer students are exempted until a matriculation date of fall 2014 and beyond.
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If you hope to take a language next semester, and you have had experience in this language, you must take the appropriate language placement test prior to enrolling. Print out your placement results and bring them with you to your advising appointment.

Students with a language learning difference must meet with the Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies (DASS) office and provide appropriate documentation. DASS will work with students on alternative options to meet this requirement.

Students who place into the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th term of a language may receive retroactive credit in that language by earning a C or better in the next level language course, but this retroactive credit may not apply towards the fulfillment of the language requirement.