

IGETC Certification of Competence in a Language Other Than English

Students transferring to the University of California are required to demonstrate competence (*proficiency*) in a language other than English equal to two years of high school study. Competence may be demonstrated through one of the following mechanisms:

1. Satisfactory completion of two years of high school coursework (*United States high school or high school in country where the language of instruction is English*) in a language other than English, with a grade of “C-” or better in each course. The two years must be in the same language.¹
2. Satisfactory completion of a course (*or courses*) at a college or university with a grade of “C” (2.0) or better in each course. Usually, one semester of college work in a language other than English is equivalent to two years of high school work. The equivalency is usually stated in the college catalog. For the purpose of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, the appropriate course (*or courses*) that can be used to satisfy the Language Other Than English (*LOTE*) requirement is indicated on the approved IGETC list of each community college.
3. Satisfactory completion, with “C” (2.0) grades or better, of two years of formal schooling at the sixth grade level or higher in an institution where the language of instruction is not English. Appropriate documentation must be presented to substantiate that the required coursework was completed. If an official sealed transcript cannot be obtained from an international institution an unofficial or opened transcript may be used to verify proficiency. Students who cannot provide documentation should either pass one of the examinations or tests listed below in 4 through 10, or satisfactorily complete an appropriate language course at their college, as outlined in 2 above.
4. Satisfactory score on the SAT II: Subject Test in languages other than English.

Before May 1995 use 1st score; if taken after May 1995 use 2nd score:

Chinese with listening: 500/520	Latin: 500/530
Hebrew (Modern): 500/470	German/German with listening: 500/510
Korean/Korean with listening: /500	Japanese with listening: 500/510
French/French with listening: 500/540	Spanish/Spanish with listening: 500/520
Italian: 500/520	

5. Satisfactory score, 3 or higher, on the College Board Advanced Placement examinations in languages other than English.
6. Satisfactory score, 5 or higher, on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level examinations in languages other than English.
7. **(NOTE: This option is not applicable at De Anza)** Satisfactory completion of an achievement test administered by a community college, university, or other college in a language other than English. The test will have to assess the student’s proficiency at the level equivalent to two years of high school language. This conclusion must be posted on a transcript indicating unit, course title and grade or on a document with letter head of the institution granting proficiency stating that the student has mastered proficiency in the language equivalent to two years of high school language.
8. If an achievement test is not available, a faculty member associated with a United States regionally accredited institution of higher education can verify a student’s competency. The institution must provide a document on letterhead asserting that the student has mastered proficiency in the language equivalent to two years of high school study. (See Section 11.6 for a sample. This sample must be printed on college/ university letterhead.)²
9. Cambridge International Examinations, Language other than English GCE “O” level exam with grade of “A”, “B”, or “C” or a score of 5, 6, or 7.
10. Cambridge International Examinations, Language other than English International GCE “A” Level exam with a grade of “A,” “B” or “C” or a score of 5, 6, or 7.
11. A Defense Language Institute language other than English course which is indicated as passed with a “C” or higher on the official transcript.

¹ - Students are advised to have official high school transcripts sent to De Anza College, but unofficial copies will be accepted for LOTE. If an unofficial copy is being provided, please attach it to the GE Certification Request form.

² - De Anza College does not officially offer language proficiency tests or have the means to provide one-on-one assessments. Please consult with the De Anza College Intercultural/International Studies Division.