Language Proficiency Requirement

A student graduating with a bachelor's degree from UTRGV is required to demonstrate language proficiency in a language other than English at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credits. Individual degree programs may require a higher level of proficiency.

Language proficiency in a language other than English at the undergraduate level equivalent to six semester credit hours can be demonstrated by a college credit exam (e.g. AP, CLEP, International Baccalaureate), a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.

Non-Credit Language Testing Options

TOEFL and IELTS: 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 the student met one of the following minimum scores:

TOEFL Paper Version	TOEFL Computer Version	TOEFL Internet Version	IELTS
500	173	63	6.0

WebCape: The WebCAPE Placement Exam is a computer adaptive placement examination approved by the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies for demonstrating second language proficiency. To demonstrate proficiency for Spanish, French, or German through the WebCAPE exam, the following scores must be achieved:

Language Tested	CAPE Score (Partial Waiver)	CAPE Score (Proficiency Met)
Spanish	**270** (SPAN 1311 waived)	**345** (SPAN 1311 and 1312 waived)
French	**260** (FREN 1311 waived)	**336** (FREN 1311 and 1312 waived)
German	**292** (GERM 1311 waived)	**383** (GERM 1311 and 1312 waived)

If your second language is not listed above, contact the Department of Writing and Language Studies in order to obtain approval to utilize other language placement exams to demonstrate second language proficiency.

UTRGV Coursework

If UTRGV coursework is desired to meet the second language proficiency requirement, courses may be chosen from those listed below or from other 6-hour same language combinations in more advanced courses than those listed below. Earning course credit through examination such as through CLEP tests

may also be an option. Students may consult the credit by examination choices available through the UTRGV Testing Center.

- ARAB 1311 Beginning Arabic I and ARAB 1312 Beginning Arabic II
- CHIN 1311 Beginning Chinese I and CHIN 1312 Beginning Chinese II
- FREN 1311 Beginning French I and FREN 1312 Beginning French II
- GERM 1311 Beginning German I and GERM 1312 Beginning German II
- ITAL 1311 Beginning Italian I and ITAL 1312 Beginning Italian II
- JAPN 1311 Beginning Japan I and JAPN 1312 Beginning Japanese II
- PORT 1311 Beginning Portuguese I and PORT 1312 Beginning Portuguese II
- SGNL 1301 Beginning Sign Language I and SGNL 1302 Beginning Sign Language II
- SPAN 1311 Beginning Spanish I and SPAN 1312 Beginning Spanish II
- SPAN 1313 Intermediate Spanish I and SPAN 1314 Intermediate Spanish II
- SPAN 2313 Spanish for Bilinguals I and SPAN 2315 Spanish for Bilinguals II
- SPAN 1387 Beginning Spanish I for Honors Students and SPAN 1388 Beginning Spanish II for Honors Students
- SPAN 2317 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals I and SPAN 2318 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals II
- COMD 1310 Beginning Sign Language and COMD 1320 Intermediate Sign Language
- FORL 1391 Elementary Studies in Foreign Languages I and FORL 1392 Elementary Studies in Foreign Languages II (If taken in the same language)