

WORLD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT WAIVER
FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS,
FIRST LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH
At **Western Kentucky University**

Policy: The general education world language requirements will be waived for students whose first language is not English. To demonstrate non-English proficiency students can do one of the following:

1. International students from non-English speaking countries can receive the waiver from the International Student Office (request at: <https://www.istart.wku.edu/>).
2. Domestic students, and International students from English speaking countries, have several options to demonstrate proficiency in language other than English:
 - Successfully complete a proficiency exams through AP, CLEP, IB, AAPPL, Avant STAMP, BYU Flats or department exam.
 - Provide evidence of the completion of the 8th grade, or equivalent, or higher in which the primary language of instruction was not English.
 - Other documentation (tests, diplomas, other official documents) that demonstrate language abilities.

Process:

International students from non-English speaking countries (students who had to submit satisfactory TOEFL, ILTS, or complete an accepted English language program such as ELS or ESLi) will have the foreign language requirement waived. Request at: <https://www.istart.wku.edu/>

Domestic students whose first language is not English have the following options:

1. Submit test scores indicating at least Novice High proficiency or its equivalent. Examples of options include: **Avant STAMP** for Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish. Exam Score of 3 in 3 skills for French, German, Italian, & Spanish; Score of 3 in 2 skills for Arabic, Chinese & Japanese. **BYU-Flats** for Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Greek, and Russian. Exam Score = Pass. WKU awards credit on the basis of scores from the following: **College Level Program of the College Board (CLEP exam)** exams for French, German, and Spanish. CLEP score of 50 or above. Find out how to take the STAMP, BYU-FLATS, and CLEP exam on WKU's campus.
2. Provide evidence of the completion of the 8th grade, or equivalent, or higher in which the primary language of instruction was not English. Complete the second page of this waiver form and submit for review and potential approval.
3. Provide other documentation (tests, diplomas, other official documents) that demonstrates language abilities. Complete the second page of this waiver form and submit for review and potential approval.

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Student name: _____ ID: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Major: _____ Date of request: _____

As a native/heritage speaker of _____, I am asking that the world language requirement at Western Kentucky be waived. I understand that a waiver does not establish credit, but merely excuses me from the requirement. I wish to provide evidence that my language proficiency through:

1. ____ Evidence of the completion of the 8th grade, or equivalent, or higher in which the primary language of instruction was not English. Attach evidence to this form.

2. ____ Provide other documentation (tests, diplomas, other official documents; such as an authorized U.S. Army, DOD, and other government/education Language documentation form) that demonstrates language abilities Describe evidence provided: _____.

Attach documentation to this form.

By signing, I confirm that the information / documentation submitted is accurate and authentic.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Student wishes to be present during the committee meeting: ____Yes ____No

Submit completed form to: WKU Registrar Office, registrar@wku.edu

The committee will notify you via email the decision following the meeting.