

Elementary Language Proficiency vs. World Language/World Culture requirements

BA students (only) are required to demonstrate an elementary level of proficiency in a language other than English ("Elementary Language Proficiency" or "ELP"). This requirement can be **filled** (not waived) by:

- Passing or transferring in a second semester of a foreign language (102, its equivalent or higher, or an intensive semester)
- Having passed three consecutive levels of the same foreign language in high school (student can take official high school transcript to Office of Undergraduate Studies, CC-1-1300)
- Completing at least one year of secondary or post-secondary education in a non-English-speaking school or university
- Scoring appropriately on an AP exam in a foreign language
- Scoring appropriately on a CLEP exam in a foreign language (no credit awarded for this CLEP)
- Demonstrating proficiency to the appropriate language department or, if the language is not taught at UMass Boston, to the Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies

Notes:

- ***ELP and the WL/WC requirements are different:*** If a student passes or transfers in two semesters of the same language (such as Span 101 and 102), of the equivalent AP exam, these courses will also fulfill the two WC/WL requirements. If the student demonstrates ELP without taking two college courses, s/he will need to take two WL/WC courses to fulfill her/his distribution requirements.
- Students may not take a language course at a lower level than they have already passed, or they will lose credit for the second course taken. (If a student takes two courses out of sequence, one as a transfer and one at UMass Boston, we will always remove the transfer course, rather than the second of the two.)
- Waivers of ELP may only be given to students with documented, language-based disabilities. A student wishing to pursue this should go the Ross Center to ask about the process.