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Continuation of Proposal of General Education Policy Proposal Attributes, Foundations Writing and Foundations Mathematics

	Guiding Principles		
	General Education requirements should be the same across all undergraduate degrees.		
	• A change of major should not lead to the "uncompletion" of a previously completed degree requirement.		
	Reduce the complexity of curriculum to better support students navigating their degree programs.		
	General Education Curriculum & Attributes		
	Removes attributes as graduation requirement while strengthening their importance to the curriculum.		
	Codifies the 32-unit requirement for General Education.		
	Consolidates policies to assist students and others in understanding requirements.		
	Foundations Second Language		
	Recommendations based on the work of the Second Language Taskforce.		
	 Splits requirement into two policies: <i>General Education Foundations</i>, to ensure consistency of General Educate requirements regardless of degree program and <i>Second Language Requirement for Bachelor of Arts Degrees</i>. Expands options for students in BA programs by allowing for the completion of two languages. Codifies the method of review that had been previously limited to the College of Engineering and accommodar requests from colleges to have the same considerations. Removes limitation requiring a C or better for the final course in the language sequence. Identifies additional methods of satisfying the requirement, including Study Abroad and multilingual learning experiences (example: ITEP). General Education Curriculum Implementation Advisory Group 		
	Workgroup will be established by the Provost to identify implementation considerations and concerns; review		
Policy Sponsor	Workgroup will be established by the Provost to identify implementation considerations and concerns; review		
Policy Sponsor Responsible Unit	Workgroup will be established by the Provost to identify implementation considerations and concerns; review implementation options and provide feedback; and ensure appropriate communication and coordination.		
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	Undergraduate CAAC	Scheduled: 4/22/2025	Status:
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	Provost	Scheduled: 5/6/2025	Status:

Policy List & Proposed Actions

Policy	URL	Proposed Action
General Education Curriculum	https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program- graduation/general-education/curriculum	 Remove reference to attributes becoming graduation requirements effective Fall 2026 Add table to organize all requirements Codify 32-unit requirement
General Education Foundations	https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program- graduation/general-education/foundations	 Combine separate foundations policies into overall policy Relocate second language requirements for Bachelor of Arts degrees into new policy Students may satisfy the second-semester proficiency language requirement with high school coursework Completion pathways added/clarified for study abroad, multilingual learning experiences, international students, and those with seal of biliteracy.
General Education Foundations - Second Language Requirement (Policy Inactivation)	<u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program- graduation/general- education/foundations#second-language- requirement-for-undergraduate-degrees</u>	 Streamline Foundations second language requirement to second semester proficiency for all students Add provision that students may satisfy the foundations requirement with high school coursework in a 2nd language (1 year of high school = 1 semester of college) Create additional pathways for satisfying second language requirement: International Admissions Seal of Biliteracy Study Abroad & multilingual experience

Policy	URL	Proposed Action
Second Language Requirement for Bachelor of Arts Degrees (New)		 Create a second-language requirement for B.A. students, outside of General Education Students may satisfy the B.A. requirement with either 2nd semester proficiency in two separate second languages, or 4th semester proficiency in one second language
Substitutions for Approved General Education Courses	https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program- graduation/general-education/substitutions	 Remove allowance for majors to not accept substitutions Transition responsibility to Undergraduate Education
Undergraduate Multiple Use of Courses	https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program- graduation/student/multiple-use-courses	 Update language so any Foundations Math course taken can also apply to the major/minor/certificate Updates to clarify use of coursework for Second Language Requirement for Bachelor of Arts Degrees
Credit by Exam; Credit by Exam tables (Advanced Placement Program, Cambridge International Examination Program, College-Level Examination Program, International Baccalaureate Program)	 <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-</u> <u>credit/credit/credit-exam</u> <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-</u> <u>credit/credit/credit-exam#advanced-</u> <u>placement-ap-program</u> <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-</u> <u>credit/credit/credit-exam#cambridge-</u> <u>international-examination-cie-program</u> <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-</u> <u>credit/credit/credit-exam#cambridge-</u> <u>international-examination-cie-program</u> <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-</u> <u>credit/credit/credit-exam#college-level-</u> <u>examination-program-clep1</u> <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-</u> <u>credit/credit/credit-exam#international-</u> <u>baccalaureate-ib-program1</u> 	 Replace references to "foreign language" with "second language" Remove references to competency and exemption exams Update equivalency tables for Credit by Exam to indicate whether a score satisfies General Education Second Language, or B.A. Second Language, or both

General Education Foundations | Second Language

General Education Foundations

Policy	URL	Proposed Action
General Education Foundations	https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program- graduation/general-education/foundations	 Combine separate foundations policies into overall policy Relocate second language requirements for BA degrees into new policy Students may satisfy the second-semester proficiency language requirement with high school coursework Completion pathways added/clarified for study abroad, multilingual learning experiences, international students, and those with seal of biliteracy

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General Education Foundations	General Education Foundations
The Foundations component of the General Education Curriculum builds competency in writing, mathematics, and second language skills that can be further developed in General Education courses, and in the major and minor.	The Foundations component of the General Education Curriculum builds competency in writing, mathematics, and second language skills that can be further developed in General Education courses, and in the major and minor.
Requirements:	Mathematics Requirement
<u>Mathematics Requirements</u>	

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 Second Language Requirement for Undergraduate Degrees Writing Requirement. Additional writing requirements include the <u>Mid-Career Writing</u> <u>Assessment (MCWA) and Writing Emphasis</u> <u>Courses</u>. Foundation course requirements vary depending upon which academic program you select. To see the requirements and courses specific to your major and degree program, consult the general <u>Academic</u> <u>Advisement Reports</u> or your personal Advisement Report in <u>UAccess Student</u>. Please direct questions to your <u>academic advisor</u>. 	All students, as part of their General Education requirements, are expected to demonstrate mathematical knowledge and quantitative reasoning. Students must complete one course of 3 units or more denoted in the course catalog as satisfying Foundations Mathematics. Additional mathematics courses may be required in a student's program of study or as prerequisite requirements for coursework. Students should consult with their major advisor before selecting a general education mathematics course. Second Language Requirement All degree-seeking undergraduate students are required to demonstrate second-semester competency in a second language or participate in an equivalent approved multilingual experience. Students in B.A. degree programs should consult the Second Language Requirements for Bachelor of Arts Degrees (link) policy for additional requirements. Ways to Satisfy the Requirement Pathway Details Course Completion Successful completion of second language coursework at the post-secondary level.
	One year of coursework taken in a second

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	language at the high school level will be considered the equivalent of one semester at the post-secondary level. Note: To enroll in language courses beyond the 1 st semester level, students without post- secondary language credit must take a placement exam. High school coursework cannot be used to determine
	Proficiency ExamScoring at a second- semester language proficiency or higher on a proctored examination administered by the University of Arizona.
	Credit by ExamObtain the minimum language proficiency score as listed in the following Credit by Exam policies: AP (Advanced Placement), CIE (Cambridge International Examination Program), CLEP (College- Level Entrance Program),

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	Seal of Biliteracy	IB(International Baccalaureate).Students who earned a Seal of Biliteracy have fulfilled the requirement.
	Approved University Sponsored Study Abroad & Multilingual Learning Experiences	 A Study Abroad program approved to satisfy the requirement, or A university- sponsored learning experience approved to satisfy the requirement.
	International Admission	Students whose prior education was taught in a language other than English and who had to prove English proficiency to be admitted to the University have satisfied the requirement.
	Students in need of accomm Substitutions for General Ed Requirement Courses policy. Credit will not be awarded for equivalent to, or at a lower l intermediate language cours	ucation and University Level

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	already earned credit (i.e., University Credit, transfer credit, or credit by exam).
	Writing Requirement
	The General Education Writing Requirement ensures that all University of Arizona students develop strong writing skills. Effective communication is essential for academic success and professional growth.
	To fulfill this requirement, students complete designated writing courses as offered by the Writing Program.
	The University Writing Requirement also include <mark>s</mark> the completion of at least one Writing Emphasis Course in the major.
	Writing Course Options
	The course sequence required is determined by the Foundations Writing Evaluation (link).
	Two course sequence 1. Writing 101 or 101A or 107 2. Writing 102 or 108
	One course 1. Writing 109H* or Writing 305 * a grade of C or higher is required in Writing 109H to satisfy the requirement with this course.
	Three course sequence 1. Writing 106 2. Writing 107** 3. Writing 108**

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	 **upon recommendation of the Writing Program students who complete Writing 106 may take: Writing 101 or 101A instead of Writing 107 Writing 102 instead of Writing 108

Second Language

Second Language Requirement for Undergraduate Degrees

Policy	URL	Proposed Action
General Education Foundations - Second Language Requirement (Policy Inactivation)	https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program- graduation/general- education/foundations#second-language- requirement-for-undergraduate-degrees	 Streamline Foundations second language requirement to second semester proficiency for all students Add provision that students may satisfy the foundations requirement with high school coursework in a 2nd language (1 year of high school = 1 semester of college)

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Second Language Requirement for Undergraduate Degrees Second language requirements vary depending on whether you are in a B.A or a non-B.A degree program.	This section intentionally left blank; this policy to be inactivated & pertinent information will be incorporated in the <u>General Education Foundations</u> <u>policy</u> .
For all students in B.A. degree programs: fourth semester skill level in a second language is required. B.A. degree students may fulfill this requirement with one of the following options:	
 Scoring the equivalent of fourth-semester skill level on a proctored proficiency examination administered by The University of Arizona. Completion with a C or better of a fourth-semester course at the post-secondary level. 	

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EXAMINATION	AP SCORE	IB SCORE	<mark>CLEP</mark> SCORE
Chinese	<mark>5</mark>	<mark>7</mark>	-
French	<mark>3 or higher</mark>	<mark>7</mark>	<mark>66 or</mark> higher
<mark>German</mark>	<mark>3 or higher</mark>	<mark>7</mark>	<mark>60 or</mark> higher
<mark>Italian</mark>	<mark>3 or higher</mark>	-	-
<mark>Japanese</mark>	<mark>5</mark>	<mark>7</mark>	-
<mark>Latin</mark> (Classical Language)	<mark>5 or higher</mark>	7	-
<mark>Spanish</mark>	<mark>3 or higher</mark>	7	<mark>68 or</mark> higher
	n of one seme program appr		

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	<mark>e department-</mark> e <mark>r skill level.</mark>	as the equiva	lent of fourth-
programs: s language is re fulfill this requ 1. Scoring level on administ 2. Complet course a 3. An <u>AP</u> (Baccalau	<mark>the equivalent</mark> a proctored <mark>p</mark> tered by The U	er <mark>skill level</mark> in A. degree stand of the foll of second-se oficiency exa niversity of A better of a ondary level. ement), <u>IB</u> (2)	udents may owing options: emester skill mination rizona. second semester International evel Entrance
<mark>EXAMINATI</mark> ON Chinese	AP-SCORE	IB SCORE	CLEP SCORE
French	3 or higher 3 or higher	5	55 or higher
German	3 or higher	<mark>5</mark>	46 or higher
Italian	<mark>3 or higher</mark>		
Japanese	3 or higher	5 5	<mark></mark>
<mark>Latin</mark> (Classical	<mark>3 or higher</mark>	<mark>5</mark>	
Language)			
Spanish	<mark>3 or higher</mark>	<mark>5</mark>	55 or higher
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<mark>students in the college must also take a language</mark>	
placement examination on entrance to the	
<mark>University.</mark>	
Note: Credit will not be awarded for language courses	
equivalent to, or at a lower level than, elementary or intermediate language courses for which the student has	
already earned credit (i.e., University Credit, transfer	
credit, or credit by exam). This policy applies to	
languages offered by the College of Education (i.e., American Sign Language), College of Humanities (i.e.,	
Chinese, Critical Languages, French, German, Greek,	
Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish), and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences	
(i.e., Arabic, Hebrew, Navajo, O'Odham, Persian,	
Turkish).	
U.S. students who are speakers of a language other than	
English (e.g. Spanish, American Sign Language, Navajo)	
may satisfy the requirement through a proficiency exam administered by the appropriate department.	
International students whose primary language is not English and who had to prove English proficiency to be	
admitted to the University have thereby fulfilled the	
<mark>Second Language</mark> requirement.	
All questions about language proficiency exams should be	
directed to the department that will evaluate proficiency.	
If you want to be tested in a language that is <u>not</u> taught by a University department, contact:	
Department of Linguistics Douglass Building, Room 200E	
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The University of Arizona PO Box 210028 Tucson, AZ 85721-0028 Phone: (520) 621-6897 Fax: (520) 626-9014	

Second Language Requirement for B.A. Degrees

Policy	URL	Proposed Action
Second Language Requirement for Bachelor of Arts Degrees (New)	N/A	 Create a second-language requirement for BA students, outside of General Education Students may satisfy the BA requirement with either 2nd semester proficiency in two separate second languages, or 4th semester proficiency in one second language

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Existing Policy	Proposed Edit
This section intentionally left blank; this is a new proposed policy.	Second Language Requirement for Bachelor of Arts Degrees
	Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree are required to demonstrate fourth-semester competency in a single second language, or second-semester competency in two different second languages. The <u>General Education</u> Foundations Second Language requirement accounts for one half of this requirement. Ways to Satisfy the Requirement (once Foundations Second Language requirement is
	satisfied) Pathway Details
	Course Completion Successful completion of second language coursework at the post-secondary level.

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	 4th semester coursework in any second language, or 2nd semester coursework in a second language other than that used to satisfy the Foundations Second Language requirement Note: To enroll in language courses beyond the 1st semester level, students without post- secondary language credit must take a placement exam. High school coursework cannot be used to determine placement.
	Proficiency ExamScoring at the appropriate proficiency level in a proctored examination administered by the University of Arizona.• 4th semester or higher in any second language, or

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	 2nd semester or higher in a second language other than that used to satisfy the Foundations Second Language requirement 	
	Credit by ExamObtain the minimum language proficiency score as listed in the following Credit by Exam policies: AP (Advanced Placement), CIE (Cambridge International Examination Program), CLEP (College- Level Entrance Program), IB (International Baccalaureate).	
	 4th semester proficiency in any second language, or 2nd semester proficiency in a second language other than that used to satisfy the Foundations Second Language requirement 	
	Seal of BiliteracyStudents who earned a Seal of Biliteracy fulfilled the requirement.	

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	 Approved University A Study Abroad program approved to satisfy the requirement, or A university- sponsored learning experience approved to satisfy the
	International Admission Students whose prior education was taught in a language other than English and who had to prove <u>English proficiency</u> to be admitted to the University have satisfied the requirement.
	Students in need of accommodation may review the <u>Substitutions for General Education and University Level</u> <u>Requirement Courses</u> policy.
	Credit will not be awarded for language courses equivalent to, or at a lower level than, elementary or intermediate language courses for which the student has already earned credit (i.e., University Credit, transfer credit, or credit by exam).

Supporting Policies

Substitutions for Approved General Education Courses

Policy	URL	Proposed Action
Substitutions for Approved General Education Courses	https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program- graduation/general-education/substitutions	 Rename policy to "Substitutions for General Education and University-Level Requirement Courses" Include the division of Undergraduate Education as approver for General Education course substitutions Remove ability for colleges/majors to deny substitutions that have been approved

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Substitutions for <mark>Approved</mark> General Education	Substitutions for General <mark>Education and University-</mark>
Courses	Level Requirement Courses
Substitutions are not encouraged, and will be granted	Substitutions are not encouraged, and will be granted
only for extraordinary circumstances. The college dean's	only for extraordinary circumstances. The division of
office approves all substitutions other than those based	Undergraduate Education approves all substitutions other
on disability.	than those based on disability.
Students requiring a substitution based on disability	Students requiring a substitution based on disability
should first contact the Disability Resource Center .	should first contact the Disability Resource Center .
The Disability Resource Center will review the student's	The Disability Resource Center will review the student's
record and determine if a substitution is appropriate. If a	record and determine if a substitution is appropriate. If a
substitution is deemed appropriate, the student must	substitution is deemed appropriate, the student will then
then work with an academic advisor in their college to	work with their academic advisor to determine the actual
determine the actual course to be substituted.	course to be substituted.

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Tier One and Tier Two (for students who matriculated prior to Spring 2022) and Exploring Perspectives and Building Connections (for students who matriculated in Spring 2022 or beyond) course substitutions granted by one college/major will be honored by the student's subsequent college/major, if any. Substitutions for Foundations requirements (English composition, math, second language) may or may not be accepted by the student's new college/major.	General Education course substitutions, once granted by the division of Undergraduate Education, will be honored by the student's college and major/minor departments. Students requesting a substitution for a General Education course, for any reason, must request and receive approval for the substitution prior to enrolling in the substitute course. Contact the division of Undergraduate Education for more information about the approval process.
Students requesting a substitution for an approved Tier One, Tier Two, Exploring Perspectives, Building Connections, or Foundations course, for any reason, must request and receive approval for the substitution prior to enrolling in the substitute course. Contact your college advisor for more information about the approval process.	In the absence of direct course equivalents, Arizona community college AGEC-approved courses may be substituted for UA-approved general education courses with the approval of the division of Undergraduate Education in advance of enrollment in the substitute course.
In the absence of direct course equivalents, Arizona community college AGEC-approved courses may be substituted for UA-approved general education courses with the approval of the student's college in advance of enrollment in the substitute course.	

Undergraduate Multiple Use of Courses

Policy	URL	Proposed Action
Undergraduate Multiple Use of Courses	https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program- graduation/student/multiple-use-courses	• Update language so any Foundations Math foundations course taken can also apply to the major/pre-major/minor/certificate.

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Undergraduate Multiple Use of Courses	Undergraduate Multiple Use of Courses
The use of courses to satisfy more than one requirement in the student's degree program (e.g., fulfilling a major, pre-major, minor, certificate, and/or General Education requirement) is subject to University General Education, college, and department policies on the multiple use of a course. See the General Education policy below. Check with your major AND minor advisors for clarification on the multiple use of any courses within your primary and secondary degree program and the multiple use of any courses between two degree programs.	The use of courses to satisfy more than one requirement in the student's degree program (e.g., fulfilling a major, pre-major, minor, certificate, and/or General Education requirement) is subject to University General Education, college, and department policies on the multiple use of a course. See the General Education policy below. Check with your major AND minor advisors for clarification on the multiple use of any courses within your primary and secondary degree program and the multiple use of any courses between two degree programs.
Multiple Use of General Education Courses	Multiple Use of General Education and University-
The following coursework may be used to fulfill General Education Foundations requirements while simultaneously fulfilling requirements in a major, pre- major, minor, and/or certificate (see <u>Undergraduate</u> <u>Certificates</u> for additional information):	Level Requirement Courses The following coursework may be used to fulfill General Education Foundations requirements while simultaneously fulfilling requirements in a major, pre- major, minor, and/or certificate (see <u>Undergraduate</u> <u>Certificates</u> for additional information):

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 Any Math or statistics course at or above the level of Calculus I (MATH 113, 122A/B, or 125) may also apply to a major, pre-major, minor, and/or certificate. The two higher level courses taken to satisfy the fourth semester skill level of the Second Language requirement for a B.A. degree may also apply to a major, pre-major, minor, and/or certificate (see Courses Excluded from the Minor). 	 Any course used to satisfy General Education Foundations Mathematics may also apply to a major, pre-major, minor, and/or certificate. Third- and fourth-semester level second language courses taken to satisfy the Second Language requirement for a Bachelor of Arts degree may also apply to a major, pre-major, minor, and/or certificate (see <u>Courses Excluded from the</u> <u>Minor</u>).
Up to 3 courses may count to fulfill General Education Exploring Perspectives or Building Connections requirements as well as major, pre-major, minor, and/or certificate requirements.	 Up to 3 courses may count to fulfill General Education Exploring Perspectives or Building Connections requirements as well as major, pre- major, minor, and/or certificate requirements.
Students should check with their major and minor academic advisors for clarification on the multiple use of any courses within their primary and secondary majors or minors as well as between two degree programs.	Students should check with their major and minor academic advisors for clarification on the multiple use of any courses within their primary and secondary majors or minors as well as between two degree programs.

Credit by Exam

Policy	URL	Proposed Action
Credit by Exam; Credit by Exam tables (Advanced Placement Program, Cambridge International Examination Program, College-Level Examination Program, International Baccalaureate Program)	 <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-credit/credit/credit-exam</u> <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-credit/credit/credit-exam#advanced-placement-ap-program</u> <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-credit/credit/credit-exam#cambridge-international-examination-cie-program</u> <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-credit/credit/credit-exam#cambridge-international-examination-cie-program</u> <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-credit/credit/credit-exam#college-level-examination-program-clep1</u> <u>https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-credit/credit/credit-exam#international-baccalaureate-ib-program1</u> 	 Replace references to "foreign language" with "second language" Remove references to competency and exemption exams Update equivalency tables for Credit by Exam to indicate whether a score satisfies General Education, or BA, or both Update equivalency tables for Credit by Exam to remove reference to GE Math strands

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Credit by Exam	Credit by Exam
 Students may establish proficiency /competency or credit in various disciplines under any of several modes. They are: Advanced Placement (AP) Program, administered by the College Board Cambridge International Examination (CIE) Program College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), administered by the College Board 	 Students may establish proficiency or credit in various disciplines under any of several modes. They are: <u>Advanced Placement (AP) Program</u>, administered by the College Board <u>Cambridge International Examination (CIE)</u> <u>Program</u> <u>College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)</u>, administered by the College Board Departmental proficiency examinations (below)

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 Departmental proficiency/competency or exemption examinations (below) DSST Examination Program German Abitur, French Baccalauréat, European Baccalaureate, and Italian Maturita exams International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Special examinations for credit or grade (below) NOTE: In no case may the sum of credits earned through the above examinations exceed 60 units applied toward an undergraduate degree. Graduate credit may not be established in this manner. 	 <u>DSST Examination Program</u> <u>German Abitur, French Baccalauréat, European</u> <u>Baccalaureate, and Italian Maturita</u> exams <u>International Baccalaureate (IB) Program</u> Special examinations for credit or grade (below) NOTE: In no case may the sum of credits earned through the above examinations exceed 60 units applied toward an undergraduate degree. Graduate credit may not be established in this manner. Proficiency Examinations
Proficiency / Competency and Exemption	General Information
Examinations General Information A number of colleges and departments regularly offer exemption or proficiency/competency examinations covering introductory or basic areas of their disciplines.	A number of colleges and departments regularly offer proficiency examinations covering introductory or basic areas of their disciplines. These examinations are designed and graded by the individual departments. No credit is awarded on the basis of successful performance on these, but they allow a student two privileges: (a) the
These examinations are designed and graded by the individual departments. No credit is awarded on the basis of successful performance on these, but they allow a student two privileges: (a) the opportunity of enrolling in advanced-level courses in the area of proficiency; or (b)	opportunity of enrolling in advanced-level courses in the area of proficiency; or (b) the opportunity of satisfying various college or departmental "area" or proficiency requirements without taking prescribed courses.
the opportunity of satisfying various college or departmental "area" or proficiency requirements without taking prescribed courses.	Proficiency examinations for many courses are available to any student currently enrolled in a degree program at the university. Capable students wishing to increase their elective freedom are encouraged by university policy to
Proficiency /competency or exemption examinations for many courses are available to any student currently enrolled in a degree program at the university. Capable students wishing to increase their elective freedom are	examine the opportunities provided through the various proficiency examinations.

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encouraged by university policy to examine the opportunities provided through the various proficiency examinations.	At the discretion of the department, the proficiency examination may include laboratory projects or other evidence of satisfactory skills in addition to or instead of the written examination. A fee is normally charged for
At the discretion of the department, the proficiency examination may include laboratory projects or other	these examinations.
evidence of satisfactory skills in addition to or instead of the written examination. A fee is normally charged for	Second Language Proficiency Examinations
these examinations.	It is possible for students to satisfy <u>second language</u> <u>requirements</u> in whole or in part by passing a non-credit
Second Language Proficiency Examinations	proficiency examination at the two- or four-semester level. Second language requirements vary by degree type; consult the program requirements for a
It is possible for students to satisfy <u>second language</u> <u>requirements</u> in whole or in part by passing a non-credit	particular degree program.
proficiency /competency examination at the two- or four- semester level*.	Passing the proficiency examination at the required level in a second language fulfills the language requirement. Credit may not be earned merely by passing the
Passing the proficiency examination at the required level in a foreign language fulfills the language requirement.	proficiency examination.
Passing a course for which the required level is prerequisite also establishes proficiency in that language.	Procedures and General Regulations
Credit may not be earned merely by passing the proficiency /competency examination.	 Proficiency examinations are available only to degree-seeking students.
* Second language requirements vary by degree type. For specific language requirements consult the major	 In no case does passing a proficiency examination lower the total number of units required for the bachelor's degree.
department, college, or the program requirements for a	• In normal circumstances, a student may not take a
particular degree program.	proficiency examination for the same course more than twice.
Procedures and General Regulations	 Proficiency examinations are normally given early in the term or during orientation. The student must
 Proficiency /competency or exemption are available only to degree-seeking students. 	contact the appropriate <u>department</u> concerned for additional information and instructions.

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 In no case does passing an exemption or proficiency/competency examination lower the total number of units required for the bachelor's degree. In normal circumstances, a student may not take a proficiency/competency examination for the same course more than twice. Proficiency/competency or exemption examinations are normally given early in the semester or during orientation. The student must contact the appropriate department concerned for additional information and instructions. Students wishing to sit for a proficiency/competency or exemption examination in a language not normally taught must contact the Department of Linguistics for information. The exemption or proficiency examinations are administered only on the University of Arizona campus. Proficiency/competency or proficiency examination score from another institution, is not transferable to the University of Arizona. The results of exemption or proficiency/competency/examination score from another institution, is not transferable to the University of Arizona. The results of exemption or proficiency/competency/examinations, if successful, are reported in writing directly to the Office of the Registrar, with a copy to the student. The student's academic record will be annotated with a statement indicating the student passed the proficiency/competency/examination at the appropriate level. 	 Students wishing to sit for a proficiency examination in a language not normally taught must contact the Department of Linguistics for information. The proficiency examinations are administered only on the University of Arizona campus. Proficiency established at another institution, or a proficiency examination score from another institution, is not transferable to the University of Arizona. The results of proficiency examinations, if successful, are reported in writing directly to the Office of the Registrar, with a copy to the student. The student's academic record will be annotated with a statement indicating the student passed the proficiency examination at the appropriate level. Special Examinations for Credit or Grade Any student currently enrolled or previously withdrawn in good standing at the University of Arizona may earn credit toward an undergraduate degree through the use of special examinations. The responsibility for preparatory study for these examinations rests entirely with the student; faculty members are under no obligation to assist with such preparation. Special examinations are constructed and administered by the <u>department</u> concerned. They are designed to reflect and explore the scholastic equivalent of the course, and are more comprehensive than the usual "final exam." The examinations may be written or oral, or both, and they may include course projects, laboratory

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 The credit so earned may not duplicate units already presented for admission to the University. Nor may the credit be in a course which is equivalent to, or more elementary than, another course in which the student is enrolled or for which the student has already received credit. The head of the examining department has the responsibility of determining the application of this limitation in each student's case. NOTE: <i>Students enrolled in their first foreign language course may earn credit and/or a grade for a lower-level language course if they take the examination during the first seven weeks of a regular semester.</i> Procedures Applications for Special Examination for Credit or Special Examination for Grade may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar (Admin. 210). The application must be approved by the student's advisor. The examining instructor and the head of the examining department must determine the eligibility of the applicant and sign the application. The application is returned to the Office of the Registrar, and the \$21-per-unit fee is paid at the Bursar's Office (University Services Bldg104). No 	 Procedures Applications for Special Examination for Credit or Special Examination for Grade may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar. The application must be approved by the student's advisor. The examining instructor and the head of the examining department must determine the eligibility of the applicant and sign the application. The application is returned to the Office of the Registrar, and the \$21-per-unit fee is paid at the Bursar's Office. No department may schedule a special examination until notified by the Bursar's Office that the fee has been paid. The examination is scheduled by the faculty member responsible, normally during the same term in which the application is made. The grade ("CR" or letter grade) is reported to the Office of the Registrar. The examination, together with the student's graded examination paper and any appropriate evaluations of oral performance or projects, is then filed with the department for at least one year.
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The student may change the type of special examination for those courses designated "available by special exam for credit and grade" in the catalog any time before the scheduled hour of the examination by filing a new application. No additional fee will be charged.	