

Credit for Prior Language Learning

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Note:

- ◇ Students must be eligible to register for classes at UVU to apply for credit for prior learning.
- ◇ The credit-for-prior-learning process involves fees.
- ◇ This document only covers credit for prior learning of ***languages other than English***.

Step 1: Languages and Cultures Advisor

Regardless of your major, contact the appropriate advisor from the department of Languages & Cultures: <https://www.uvu.edu/lang/advisors.html>.

The Languages & Cultures advisors will help you in the following ways:

- **Determining your best option for demonstrating prior language learning** according to your unique circumstances:
 - If you need to take a **course**, they will help you determine placement in the appropriate course.
 - If you need a **test**, they will provide you with information to take an applicable exam.
- Understanding what **fees** are involved
- If you have satisfied the requirements, they can help you **process your application** for credit for prior language learning.

Step 2: Options for Demonstrating Prior Language Learning

Demonstrate through a **UVU Course**

1. Ungraded Credit for Languages Taught at UVU

Students can demonstrate prior language learning by completing a UVU language course that is at the same level or just higher than their likely language proficiency. Credits earned correspond to the following table:

Course completed with a C- grade or better	Credits
1020	4
2010	8
2020G*	12
Any 3-credit 3000-level course taught in the target language	16

*when credit for prior learning is granted, 2020G courses fulfill the Humanities Distribution requirement but do not fulfill the Global Intercultural requirement.

2. Graded Credit for Languages Taught at UVU (only for 1010 and 1020)

Students whose target language is taught at UVU and who desire *letter-grade credit* should discuss this possibility with an advisor from the Department of Languages & Cultures.

- ◇ Must be arranged through the advisors for the Department of Languages & Cultures at the time of registration; not every section is available
- ◇ Full tuition will be paid for the courses.
- ◇ This option is not available for 2010 and 2020G.

Demonstrate through a **Test**

3. Ungraded Credit for Languages **NOT** taught at UVU

Students whose target language is **not** taught at UVU typically have one language testing option to demonstrate prior language learning.

- **BYU FLATS test** (Brigham Young University Foreign Language Achievement Testing Services)

Demonstrate through Courses or Tests completed during **High School**

4. AP Credit

Students seeking Advanced Placement credit should consult with the [Registrar's Office Transfer Credit Department](https://www.uvu.edu/transfer/ap-scores/) for course credit equivalents (<https://www.uvu.edu/transfer/ap-scores/>).

5. Dual Immersion Credit

Students enrolled in Dual Language Immersion Bridge Courses earn credit based on their AP test scores and completed Bridge courses. Consult with a Languages & Cultures advisor for more information.

References

- University Policy 522: Undergraduate Credit and Transcripts
- University Policy 525: Credit for Prior Learning