

# 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 <u>in the target language</u>	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 two language testing options to demonstrate prior language learning.

- **BYU FLATS test** (Brigham Young University Foreign Language Achievement Testing Services)
- **ACTFL** (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) **two assessments:**

- **OPI** (Oral Proficiency Interview)
- **WPT** (Writing Proficiency Test)

Various tests will make you eligible for different amounts of credit. *Contact a Languages & Cultures advisor for more detailed information.*

## 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