

Advising Guide for Updated General Education Global Language Policy

Policy Updates Effective Fall 2022

What is NOT Changing:

- How students earn credit or placement for UNC taught language courses.
 - Existing approval lists for UNC language course placement, BE, or transfer credit will remain the same and will continue to be approved and managed by each department.
 - Students wishing to pursue continued study in a language taught at UNC should follow the department's placement policies and procedures as outlined on the [Language Placement Website](#).
- All NC Community College language courses numbered 211 (including ASL) will transfer to UNC as a level 3 equivalent course to meet the General Education requirements. In Fall 2021 it was verified that all offered languages at the NCCCs were either taught at UNC (and appropriate equivalent course credit is being awarded) or had been designated to earn level 3 general education credit when transferred to UNC.
- All students who have "significant difficulty" in learning a language may apply for the Language Substitution. You can find more details about this [process on our website](#). [Contact](#) the Dean of Undergraduate Curricula or Course Evaluation Coordinator with questions about this process.

What is Changing:

Native Speakers:

The current Native Speaker option is being replaced by the Educational Experience and General Education Language Proficiency Verification processes outlined below. All students previously covered by the Native Speaker option should qualify for the Educational Experience option.

Educational Experience:

Students who have completed either two full years of secondary education or two full semesters of higher education (defined as 24 *eligible-for-transfer* semester credit hours) primarily taught in a language other than English may apply for the Educational Experience general education language credit through the [form](#) managed by the Office of Undergraduate Curricula.

- Students must have submitted transcripts for the school they attended, and their transcript must show they attended for the requisite number of years or have the requisite minimum number of eligible-for-transfer credit hours.
- Credit will be awarded to students as placement credit without hours for GENR 203, which fulfills both the Making Connections FL requirement and the IDEAs in Action GLBL-LANG requirement for level 3.
- Additionally, a notation will be added to the student's Tarheel Tracker indicating the language.
- This option is available to students for any language other than English, including languages taught at UNC.
- The attended institution does not need to be outside the US to qualify.
- Credit awards will be processed through the standard Registrar placement credit process, so credit will typically post to the student's record in February and October each year.

Languages not taught at UNC:

Students who are proficient in a language not taught through level 3 at UNC may apply for General Education Language Proficiency credit using the [form](#) managed in the Office of Undergraduate Curricula.

- Students will be referred to the appropriate language department, who will work with the student to verify their proficiency meets the UNC level 3 standards.
- The language department will report proficiency level (level 3, level 4, or below level 3) to the Office of Undergraduate Curricula for all students using this process.
- Credit will be awarded to students as placement credit without hours for GENR 203 (level 3) or GENR 203 and 204 (level 4). GENR 203 will fulfill both the Making Connections FL requirement and the IDEAs in Action GLBL-LANG requirement for level 3. GENR 204 will not fulfill a general education requirement but will carry the level 4 language attribute.
- Additionally, a notation will be added to the student's Tarheel Tracker indicating the language.
- Credit awards will be processed through the standard Registrar placement credit process, so credit will typically post to the student's record in February and October each year.
- Departments may choose to award credit in their majors and minors for these language placement credit courses (GENR 203 or GENR 204) through a Tarheel Tracker adjustment. Such credit is strictly at the discretion of the department and must be approved by the appropriate faculty member.

Transfer Credit for Languages not taught at UNC:

Students who have completed a level 3 course at another institution (typically labeled as Intermediate I) may request general education language credit through the [Transfer Credit Reevaluation process](#). They should mark their request as a General Education request type and list FL or GLBL-LANG as the requested general education requirement.

- The Office of Undergraduate Curricula will route such requests to the most appropriate language department.
- The faculty reviewer in the language department will review the syllabus, consult with language experts as needed, and determine if the course meets level 3 standards at UNC.
- Credit will be awarded (as transfer credit with applicable hours) as GENR 203 for level 3 courses.
- If the student completed a level 4 or higher course, the department may award GENR 204, in which case GENR 203 will also be awarded (to fulfill the general education requirement).
 - The total number of credit hours awarded for the transferring course will not change, up to 3.0 hours will be awarded as GENR 204 and any remaining hours will be awarded as GENR 203 where applicable, otherwise GENR 203 will post for zero hours.