

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY
Department of Languages and Cultures
Policies and Standards
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DEFINITIONS

Experiential/Challenge credit: credit awarded to individuals who can prove through appropriate assessment and/or documentation that they have already acquired the equivalent knowledge and/or expertise required for successful completion of a given course.

REFERENCES

University Policy 522. Section 5.2.1 “Language Challenge/Experiential Credit” states that a student “may earn up to 16 credits” of experiential/challenge language credit toward a degree. This applies to language credit only.

UVU Catalog “College Credit”. Subheading 3. Challenge Credit/Experiential Credit. Subheading 4. Language Challenge Credit

Students should contact our academic advisors at 801-863-8518 for advice in determining their choices regarding the options described below.

1. Students who have acquired expertise in a foreign language should enroll in the course numbered 3050 for their language. Students unsure about placement should contact the department for an evaluation.
2. Experiential credit in languages has no letter grade designation; it is listed simply as passing credit, and costs \$5 per credit hour with a \$15 processing fee for each class. A maximum of sixteen credit hours can be purchased. To receive this credit, University policy requires that students be currently enrolled for at least three semester hours of credit and complete the semester in which the challenge credit is awarded with at least three earned semester hours of credit excluding the challenge credit. Non-continuing students will be granted one semester grace period after completing their last semester at UVU to apply for this experiential credit.
3. Students may apply for experiential credit in languages in one of the following ways:

a. Students may apply for credit in one of the languages taught at UVU by completing a course in a language at a higher level than the course or courses being challenged, according to the following chart:

Course completed with a C- grade or better:	Course(s) for which credit may be received:
1020	1010
2010	1010, 1020
202G	1010, 1020, 2010
203G (Spanish only)	1010, 1020, 2010
3050 (or other approved courses)	1010, 1020, 2010, 202G**
3030 or 3040 (Spanish only)	1010, 1020, 2010, 202G**

4. Non-native speakers who have expertise in one of the languages taught at UVU and who desire letter-grade credit may register for the 1010 and 1020 classes and take the course final examination at the end of the semester. The grade on the examination will be the grade for the course. Full tuition will be paid for the courses. This option is not available for 2010 and 202G.

5. Students may not take 1000 or 2000 level language courses in their dominant language*, nor may they receive credit for those courses through testing procedures.
6. Students whose dominant language is not English may receive foreign language credit in English for AA and BA degrees. Consult with Department of English Language Learning.

*For purposes of this policy, 'dominant language' is defined as the language of instruction at the high school from which the student graduated

**When credit is purchased, 202G fulfills the Humanities Distribution Requirement, but does not fulfill the Global Intercultural Requirement.