Foreign Language Requirements for the B.A. Degree

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree must demonstrate competence in a foreign language equivalent to that attained in two years of college instruction. This requirement must be met by one of the following five options:

Successful completion of one of the following sequences.
American Sign Language: FLSL 101, FLSL 102, FLSL 201, FLSL 202
↓ Successful completion of FLST 181 and FLST 182, in the same language.

OR

Completing the equivalent of the fourth-year of a foreign language with no term grade lower than C at an accredited high school. Four years of one foreign language with no grade lower than C at an accredited high school.

OR

Demonstrating fluency (speaking, reading, writing, and listening) in a language other than English on the Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP) test administered through the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. See “Credit by Examination” section in undergraduate catalog.

OR

Requesting course credit for the State Seal of Biliteracy within 3 academic years after graduating from high school. See “Credit by Examination” section in undergraduate catalog.

OR

Exemption (no credit awarded) by

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OR

Registering as an international student at NIU, with a native language other than English.
Credit by Examination

NIU provides a variety of opportunities for students to obtain college credit by examination. Credit may be awarded through the Advanced Placement (AP) Program, the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), the Defense Activities for Non-Traditional Educational Support program (DANTES), Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP) for language proficiency, and other NIU proficiency examinations.

Advanced Placement
The Advanced … "General Provisions."

Participants … Internet at www.niu.edu/testing.

College-Level Examination Program and Defense Activities for Non-Traditional Educational Support
NIU recognizes … … college courses.

NIU awards … … "General Provisions."

Official CLEP … … Internet at www.niu.edu/testing.

Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency
The Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP) test administered by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures assesses fluency (speaking, reading, writing and listening) in a variety of languages other than English. Up to 12 semester hours may be earned by students who are assessed at “Advanced Low Level” on the STAMP test. If fewer than 12 semester hours were earned through an Advanced Placement (AP) test, the STAMP test may be taken to attempt to increase the combined semester hour total (AP and STAMP) for one language to 12 semester hours. Complete lists of languages assessed by STAMP or information regarding STAMP test schedules can be obtained by contacting the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at 815-753-1501 or via the Internet at www.niu.edu/celebrate-bilingualism.

The State Seal of Biliteracy
NIU accepts the State Seal of Biliteracy. Students must request course credit for their seal within three academic years after graduating from high school. Contact the NIU Office of Testing Services, Adams Hall
NIU Proficiency Examinations

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Department Regulations
Students with high school … … other cases.

With the consent of the department, native speakers of Spanish may substitute FLSP 215 for any and all levels of FLSP 101 through FLSP 202, as well as for FLSP 211.

For information on foreign language placement, see “Credit by Examination” section in the undergraduate catalog.