

Application for 201-Level Language Equivalency

Please write or print clearly

Today's date: _____ Your Student ID# _____

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Local address: _____

Telephone: _____ Your UMBC e-mail: _____

Major: _____ Advisor: _____

Which degree are you pursuing? Check one: B.A. _____ B.S. _____

Which set of requirements are you fulfilling? Check one: GFR _____ GEP _____

GEP is effective for students beginning college education in fall 2007 or later. Students who began their college educations prior to fall 2007 are subject to the GFRs. Pre-fall 2007 entrants can choose to change to the GEP on consultation with their advisor.

What is your native (first) language? _____

In what language are you requesting 201-level equivalency? _____

In what country did you receive education in this language? _____

Name of the educational institution you attended: _____

What was the language of instruction at this institution? _____

How many years did you attend this institution? _____

What was the highest grade level you reached at this institution? _____

Please submit this application to the MLLI office (AC IV 146) with a transcript or other evidence of education in the language for which you are requesting 201-level equivalency.
Please mark (by highlighting or circling) the reference to this language on your transcript.

Please complete the top portion of the form if you are taking the NYU proficiency exam.

Have your test results mailed directly to the MLLI office.

MLLI POLICY: FOREIGN LANGUAGE 201-LEVEL PROFICIENCY EQUIVALENCY*

1. Students at UMBC cannot receive academic credit simply for speaking their native (or a second) language, and knowing a second language is not sufficient in itself to satisfy the 201-level proficiency requirement. Students can receive a waiver for the GEP language requirement or the language component of the GDR, GER, or GFR by a) demonstrating education in a second language or b) through examination. See details below.
2. International students and U.S. resident students proficient in a language other than English may receive equivalency for the 201-level proficiency requirement provided that they present documentation showing that 1) they attended a secondary school (i.e., sixth grade or above) in which the language of instruction was not English, or 2) they attended an English-speaking secondary school or a comprehensive program accredited by a foreign government and have at least one year of education in their first language at that level. (After-school and weekend programs in the United States do not satisfy this requirement.) Students who study a second language abroad (for example, a native speaker of Yoruba who is requesting 201-level equivalency in German based on secondary school courses) are subject to the same requirements as students coming from American high schools. (See Appendix IV and Appendix V of the Undergraduate Catalog: <http://www.umbc.edu/catalog/2012/appendices/>).
3. Students who wish to apply for 201-level equivalency must submit an application form to the Department of Modern Languages, Linguistics and Intercultural Communication in ACIV-Wing B-Room 146. This application must be accompanied by 1) a UMBC transcript (*an unofficial transcript printed out from myUMBC is sufficient*) and 2) a transcript from the secondary school or university where the student studied abroad, attesting to formal study as described above in the language in which he/she is claiming proficiency. Depending on the language of the transcript, students may be asked to furnish a certified translation. Further information may be obtained in the MLLI Office or on the websites: <http://www.umbc.edu/mli/> and <http://www.umbc.edu/mli/itstudents.html>.
4. Students proficient in a language other than English may receive equivalency for the 201-level proficiency requirement by documenting the satisfactory completion of one of the following directed-study courses at the University of Maryland, College Park: FOLA 148P (Foreign Language III), FOLA 149P (Foreign Language IV), or FOLA 159P (intensive Foreign Language III and IV).
5. Students proficient in French, German, or Spanish may receive equivalency for the 201 proficiency requirement upon presentation of proof of the successful completion of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam at Level II in one of these languages. See Appendix II of the Undergraduate Catalog: http://www.umbc.edu/catalog/2012/appendices/Appendix_II.pdf
6. Students proficient in a language other than English may receive equivalency for the 201-level proficiency requirement by receiving at least 12 points on The New York University Foreign Language Proficiency Examination. Students must make arrangements independently to take this exam; the MLLI department does not administer it. To find out which languages are included and for further information, contact the Center for Languages and Translation at The School of Continuing and Professional Studies, New York University, 10 Astor Place, Suite 505, New York, NY 10003, phone: 212-998-7030. For further information, see <http://www.scps.nyu.edu/academics/departments/foreign-languages/testing.html> (or click on “proficiency testing”).

*Please note that 201 proficiency constitutes only a portion of the Language/Culture component of the GDR, GER, and GFR requirements. See the UMBC catalog general education requirement appendices for more detailed information <http://www.umbc.edu/catalog/2012/appendices/>.