

Motion to Update the Description of the A&S
General Education Foreign Language Requirement
[Draft]
September 15, 2022

Whereas the CU System administration has decided to eliminate MAPS (Minimum Academic Preparation Standards) requirements for all students who matriculate in Fall 2023 and beyond;
and

Whereas the current description of the A&S General Education Foreign Language requirement reads:

1. Foreign Language (third-level proficiency)

The goal of the language requirement is to encourage students to examine the formal and semantic structure of another language, significant and difficult works in that language, and one or more aspects of the culture lived in that language. This enables students to understand their own language and culture better, analyze texts more clearly and effectively, and appreciate more vividly the dangers and limitations of using a translated document. The language requirement concentrates on reading, although in some languages other abilities may be emphasized as well. Understanding what it means to read a significant text in its original language is essential for a liberal education according to the standards of this university.

All students are required to demonstrate, while in high school, third-level proficiency in a single modern or classical language. Students who have not met this requirement at the time of matriculation will have a MAPS deficiency. They may make up the deficiency and fill this Gen Ed requirement by passing or earning AP or IB credit for an appropriate third-semester college course that is part of a three-course sequence of at least 12 semester credit hours or by passing a CU Boulder approved proficiency examination. Third-semester language courses offered at CU Boulder that meet this requirement are listed below.

Students who are subject to the General Education requirements, but not subject to MAPS, must complete the Foreign Language Gen Ed Skills requirement to meet degree requirements.

and

Whereas it has been the longstanding practice since 1970 to allow A&S students to complete the Foreign Language Requirement by 1) completing a Level III foreign language course in high school (usually 3 years in the same language); 2) completing a third-semester college-level language course that is part of a three-course sequence of at least 12 semester credit hours; or 3) demonstrating college-level third-semester proficiency in a foreign language via an examination; therefore let it be

Resolved that the Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate recommends that the description of the General Education Foreign Language Requirement be immediately revised to read:

1. Foreign Language (third-level proficiency)

The goal of the language requirement is to encourage students to examine the formal and semantic structure of another language, significant and difficult works in that language, and one or more aspects of the culture lived in that language. This enables students to understand their own language and culture better, analyze texts more clearly and effectively, and appreciate more vividly the dangers and limitations of using a translated document. The language requirement concentrates on reading, although in some languages other abilities may be emphasized as well. Understanding what it means to read a significant text in its original language is essential for a liberal education according to the standards of this university.

All students are required to demonstrate third-level proficiency in a single non-English modern or classical language. Students may meet this requirement by

- 1) completing a Level III course (typically the third of three consecutive years) of a single non-English language while in high school;
- 2) graduating from a high school that uses a non-English language as its principal mode of instruction, or receiving, in high school, a Colorado or other state-sponsored Seal of Biliteracy;
- 3) passing an appropriate third-semester college course that is part of a three-course sequence of at least 12 semester credit hours, or earning AP or IB credit equivalent to such a course; or
- 4) passing a CU Boulder approved proficiency examination.

Third-semester language courses offered at CU Boulder that meet the Foreign Language Requirement are listed below.

This motion PASSED by a vote of 28 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining