

# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – SUPERIOR

Policy Subject: **Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements (Waiver of Language for Int'l Students) (number AP1301)**  
Cabinet Division: **Registrar's Office (Enrollment Management)**  
Date Created: 11/20/12 (approved by Faculty Senate)

## I. Background and Purpose

- 1.1 International students are being provided with various answers on how the BA language requirement can be met. This policy provides a mechanism for all non-native English speaking students with a passing TOEFL score to earn a BA degree without having to complete additional tests or courses.

## II. No constraints

- 2.1 No constraints

## III. Definitions

- 1.1 None specific to this policy

## IV. Policy Statements

- 4.1 Students must complete a minimum of 6 credits in one foreign or indigenous language.
- 4.2 Students must complete at least one foreign or indigenous language course at UW-Superior.
  - a. Students who have successfully completed high school language courses must complete a language placement exam to determine their level of language proficiency.
  - b. Students who place above the 202 level are not required to enroll in one UW-Superior foreign or indigenous language course.
  - c. Students are awarded retro-credits for lower level language courses after successfully completing 102, 201 or 202 with a grade of B- or higher. For example, if students place into SPAN 202, they would receive retro-credit for SPAN 101, 102 and 201, and these courses and credits would be posted to the official transcript.
- 4.3 Exception: International students, whose first language is not English, may have the requirements listed above waived if they notify the Registrar's office they have a TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language) score of
  - a. 61 on the iBT (Internet-Based Test) OR
  - b. 500 on the PBT (Paper-Based Test) OR

An (International English Language Testing System) IELTS score of 5.5 or higher IELTS or any other admission tests accepted by the Office of International Programs.

No language credits will be awarded to international students who earn a BA on the basis of an admission test.

## V. Policy Procedures

- 5.1 Student emails the registrar they have either a TOEFL or IELTS or another admission test score that is at, or above the scores required for admission.
- 5.2 Registrar's staff waives the BA language requirement on the international student's Advising Report without awarding any credit.

## VI. Compliance

- 6.1 Approved by: UAAC (10/9/12 ), Faculty Senate (11/20/12 ) and Chancellor Wachter (12/26/12 )
- 6.2 No consequences.
- 6.3 Faculty, Department Chairs and Enrollment Management staff are aware of this policy change.

## VII. Attachments

- 7.1 No attachments