

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES GLOBAL CAMPUS

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (FLR) Regulations

ALL students who have been accepted into The University of the West Indies to pursue an **undergraduate degree** are required to successfully complete a prescribed three (3) credit foreign language course.

Options to fulfil the FLR

To fulfil the requirement, students can select any of the following options:

- **Option 1: Global Campus**

The only foreign language course currently on offer at the Global Campus that can be registered for is **SPAN0900: Introductory Spanish**.

Students can substitute any of the following 3 foundational courses to take the foreign language course:

1. FOUN1101: Caribbean Civilization
2. FOUN1301: Law, Governance, Economy and Society
3. FOUN1210: Science, Medicine and Technology in Society

- **Option 2: Self-Directed Learning**

Students may opt not to take the Global Campus foreign language course and instead choose the self-directed learning path from an approved institution outside of The UWI. Certified completion of **both** of the following two online courses offered as Massive Online Open Classes (MOOCs) by the The Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV) will be deemed to satisfy The UWI Foreign Language Requirement with credit:

- [Basic Spanish 1: Getting Started](#), 4-5 hours per week, 7 weeks
- [Basic Spanish 2: One Step Further](#), 4-5 hours per week, 4 weeks

You may click on the courses links, or [here](#) for details. Note that in order to be certified, students must enrol in the **certificate**, not the free option.

On successful completion of the test, students **must** apply to the Global Campus Student Services Unit for exemption. Guidelines to apply for exemption can be found [HERE](#), or email student.services@open.uwi.edu.

- **Option 3: Student Exchange & Study Abroad**

Students may also opt to fulfil the requirements through the Exchange & Study Abroad programmes. The following offices may be contacted for information:

- ❖ The UWI Latin American-Caribbean Centre (LACC): lacc@uwimona.edu.jm
- ❖ The Global Campus/Japan Sophia University Study Abroad/Exchange Scholarship - Summer programme
Office of the Campus Registrar, Student Support and Services by email scholarship.applications@open.uwi.edu

- ❖ International Students' Office at Cave Hill Campus: internationaloffice@cavehill.uwi.edu, or Tel. (246) 417- 4972
- ❖ International Students' Office at St. Augustine Campus: internationaloffice@sta.uwi.edu, Tel. +1(868) 662-2002 ext. 84280/Direct: +1(868) 224-3707
- ❖ International Students' Office at Mona: isomona@uwimona.edu.jm or Tel: (876) 702-3737

Exemption:

Persons with the following will be exempted from taking a foreign language course:

- Certification in a foreign language upon matriculation from the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) at the CSEC (Grades I, II or III) or CAPE (Unit I or II) or equivalent, GCSE, GCE, O and A levels or other equivalent examinations. Grade requirements for CXC/CSEC subjects are General Proficiency, Grades I or II pre- 1998 and Grades I, II, or III from June 1998 onwards.
- Students who have successfully completed a foreign language course from any of the other UWI campuses
- Certification in:
 - DELE - Spanish
 - HSK - Mandarin
 - DELF, DALF - French
 - Or any other approved foreign language
- International students whose first language is not English and who matriculated into The University with English as a Second Language (ESL) qualification.
- Students who do not possess a foreign language certification, but have pursued a foreign language course will be required to take a prescribed diagnostic and/or assessment test to determine level of competency. On successful completion of the test, students **must** apply to the Global Campus Student Services Unit for exemption. Guidelines to apply for exemption can be found [HERE](#), or email student.services@open.uwi.edu.

Note:

- CXC, CSEC, CAPE, GCSE, GCE, O and A levels, and any other non UWI foreign language qualifications for **exemptions, are without credit**. That means the substitution of a foundation course **does not** apply to students that are granted exemption for any of those types of foreign language courses.
- Students who speak their own native indigenous/creole languages, and English, are **not exempted** from this requirement, **only where those languages have been declared Official**.
- Students can fulfil the foreign language requirement at any point during their undergraduate programme, however; as outlined in the programme advising documents, it is advised that level 1 courses be completed before advancing to level 2.