



Academic Placement & Testing Center

Language Proficiency Testing Policy

Students who seek credit for foreign languages outside of the traditional classroom environment may do so by three methods offered through Prior Learning Assessments. Credits are accepted pending sufficient test scores, program requirements, and the discretion of the appropriate Academic Dean as follows:

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) Exams

Northern Essex will accept 6 or 9 credits* pending sufficient test scores for the following languages through the College Board CLEP exams:

French	German	Spanish
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Northern Essex will accept 6 or 12 credits pending sufficient test scores for the following languages through the College Board CLEP exams:

Spanish Language with Writing

Brigham Young University (BYU) Exams:

Northern Essex will accept a maximum of 9 credits* for demonstrated language proficiency exams through BYU *if* there is no equivalent foreign language course offered at NECC for the following languages:

Albanian	Arabic	Armenian
Bulgarian	Cambodian	Cantonese-Simplified
Cantonese-Traditional	Cebuano	Croatian
Czech	Danish	Dutch
Estonian	Fijian	Finnish
French	Georgian	German
Greek	Haitian-Creole	Hmong
Hungarian	Icelandic	Ilonggo-Hiligaynon
Indonesian	Italian	Japanese
Korean	Latvian	Lithuanian
Malagasy	Malay	Mandarin-Simplified
Mandarin-Traditional	Mongolian	Norwegian
Persian-Farsi	Polish	Portuguese-Brazilian
Portuguese-Continental	Romanian	Russian
Samoan	Serbian	Spanish
Spanish	Spanish	Spanish
Swedish	Tagalog	Tahitian
Thai	Tongan	Ukrainian

New York University (NYU) Exams

Northern Essex will accept a maximum of 9 credits* for demonstrated language proficiency exams through NYU *if* there is no equivalent foreign language course offered at NECC for the following languages:

Afrikaans	Albanian	Arabic
Armenian	Bengali	Bosnian
Bulgarian	Cantonese	Catalan
Chinese	Croatian	Czech
Danish	Dutch	Finnish
French	German	Greek (Modern)
Gujarati	Haitian Creole	Hebrew
Hindi	Hungarian	Ibo
Icelandic	Indonesian	Irish
Italian	Japanese	Korean
Latin	Lithuanian	Malay
Mandarin	Norwegian	Persian
Polish	Portuguese (Brazilian)	Punjabi
Romanian	Russian	Serbian
Spanish	Swahili	Swedish
Tagalog	Thai	Turkish
Ukrainian	Urdu	Vietnamese
Yiddish	Yoruba	

The number of credits accepted is based on individual performance and based on individual exam criteria through College Board CLEP, NYU, and BYU. Credits awarded through these methods may not be transferrable and it is the student's responsibility to check with the institution for which they wish to transfer before testing and attempting to transfer credit.

Students who wish to utilize foreign language credit at NECC should consult with their academic advisor before attempting credit through alternative methods of assessment. Not all credits may apply to degree programs or individual academic plans.

The Academic Placement & Testing Center administers CLEP exams and BYU exams. NYU administers their exams and Northern Essex Community College will accept an official score report from NYU to accept credit.

Payment for foreign language proficiency exams is non-refundable.