

## What are my options?

**1) Approved College-Level, Intermediate-Level Language Course (Includes Study Abroad)**  
*The course may be taken at CSUSM or any accredited university world-wide. At CSUSM, the course must be level 201 or higher. Units vary per course.*

**2) CSUSM Proficiency Exam**  
*This costs \$49.50 and is offered frequently, but does not give units.*

**3) Advanced Placement (AP) Foreign Language Exam**  
*If you got a 3 or higher on a foreign language or literature exam, you received units and met the requirement.*

**5) TOEFL or Other CSUSM Approved English Exam (for Non-Native Speakers only)**  
*If you were required to take such an exam for admission into CSUSM, you have met the requirement.*

**5) Suspended Indefinitely:**  
CSUSM Challenge Exam for a 201-Level Language Course  
*If this would have applied, consider taking a course or Proficiency Exam.*

*The below were in effect through the 2006-2007 academic year. Beginning with a Summer 2007 effective date,*

*methods may have changed, based on current review within the University.*

**6) College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)**  
*A French Level II score of 47, a German Level II 48, or a Spanish Level II 50 meets the requirement. This option does not give units.*

**7) International Baccalaureate (IB) Examination**  
*If you got a 4 or higher on a Higher Level foreign language exam, you received units and met the requirement.*

**8) Completion of at least three years full-time study at a high school or university where English was not the principal language of instruction**  
*If those documents were part of your admissions packet, you have met the requirement. If CSUSM does not yet have your official transcript and translation, you must follow up. Schools in the US do not meet the requirement.*

**Note:** As part of their major, Global Business Management students must receive a score of 6 on a Berlitz Language Exam. At that time, they will also fulfill the LOTER, if it has not yet been met. No other students may take the Berlitz to meet the LOTER.

## What do I need to do?

**1) Review the LOTER options listed here and begin thinking about which apply to you. As you read, ask yourself, “Where am I in this process?” Your answer will help guide your general academic plan.**

**2) Visit the LLC website for more information and instructions on what to do: [www.csusm.edu/llc](http://www.csusm.edu/llc).**

**3) Speak to your primary academic advisor to include the LOTER in your general academic plans.**

**4) Speak to your other advisors: major, minor, specialized, etc.**

**5) Make a plan & follow through!**

## How can the LLC help?

*Come for free tutoring on coursework or for exams.*

*Check out our materials to help with courses or exams.*

*Surf our website for info, resources, and study aids.*

*Contact the LLC Staff for ideas, guidance, and support!  
See back for contact information.*

## Why have a LOTER?

CSUSM believes strongly in preparing its students for the demands of a diverse and globalizing world. So, every student—regardless of major and before graduation— must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English.

## What is the LOTER?

The Language Other Than English Requirement (LOTER) is a graduation requirement for all students, regardless of major.

Meeting the LOTER confirms that you have reached an intermediate level of linguistic and cultural proficiency in a second language. It does not require fluency.

There are eight options for how to fulfill the LOTER. We hope these many choices make meeting the requirement simple and rewarding. To prevent a delay in graduating, do not wait until senior year!

If you believe you have already fulfilled the LOTER, but your student record does not yet show it as "met", please contact your Primary Academic Advisor.

## How can I learn more?

The LLC website has lots of detailed information about each option, including what steps to take to get paperwork processed. You are also welcome to contact us with specific questions.

**For general advising & planning:**  
See your Primary Academic Advisor.

### **For advice on LOTER options:**

*First Surf:* [www.csusm.edu/llc](http://www.csusm.edu/llc)

*Then Contact:* LLC Director

*Office:* University Hall 222

*Email:* [llc@csusm.edu](mailto:llc@csusm.edu)

*Phone:* (760) 750-4197

### **For Proficiency Exam questions:**

*Contact:* Lang. Assessment Coord.

*Office:* University Hall 240

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### **For tutoring, resources & more -- come to the LLC!**

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# LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH REQUIREMENT (LOTER)

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