

Language Other Than English – IGETC Standards

Background

The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) outlines requirements for students and colleges to assist with transfer from a community college to a California State University or University of California institution. Students must complete a foreign language to be eligible to meet the IGETC transfer requirement, it is called Language Other Than English (LOTE).

There are several methods to meet LOTE:

1. Completion of two years foreign language in high school
2. College level course completion
3. SAT/AP/IB
4. Faculty administered exam (currently not SDCCD practice)
5. Instruction at a school where the language of instruction is not English through the sixth grade or higher

It has been past practice at SDCCD to allow faculty or staff who understands the foreign language (ex. Spanish) to verify the foreign language completion (#5 above). Recently, there have been documents submitted to clear LOTE in a language that cannot be understood (Sinhala – Sri Lanka) by faculty or staff.

Request

The evaluators are requesting an English translation for all transcripts or diplomas provided to clear the LOTE requirement (#5 above). It should be noted that the request is not for an official evaluation of the courses, only a translation to English. English translation may be completed by an agency or a notarized copy translated by a person fluent in the language. This will ensure an equitable process for all students.

Additionally, a new form has been drafted to continue to allow faculty/staff to validate the requirement.