

General Education Committee

February 2010 Report

Proposal Date: January 11, 2010

**General Education Committee
Proposal to Revise an Academic Policy
(Action Item)**

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1. Identification of proposed policy revision: General Education Requirements – Academic Skills – II. Foreign Language

2. Catalog statement of existing policy (Catalog, p. 35): The general education foreign language requirement will be waived for international students whose first language is not English, contingent upon successful completion of either ENG 100 and 300 and either COMM 145 OR 161 (i.e., 9 hours instead of 12 in category A) and an additional three hours of course work in General Education courses selected from any category. A letter from the Office of International Programs verifying the student is a non-native speaker of English must be attached to the ICAP undergraduate degree exception form and submitted to the Office of the Registrar.

3. Catalog statement of proposed policy: The general education foreign language requirement will be waived for international students whose first language is not English, contingent upon successful completion of ENG 100 and 300 and either COMM 145 OR 161 (i.e., 9 hours instead of 12 in category A) and an additional three hours of course work in General Education courses selected from any category, *as long as the course selected is not a foreign language class in the student's native language*. A letter from the Office of International Programs verifying the student is a non-native speaker of English must be attached to the ICAP undergraduate degree exception form and submitted to the Office of the Registrar.

4. Rationale for proposed policy revision: Clarification of policy to avoid confusion.

5. Impact of proposed policy revision on existing academic or non-academic policies:
None anticipated

6. Proposed term for implementation: Spring 2010

7. Dates of prior committee approvals:

General Education Committee: January 15, 2010

University Senate _____