

Hawaiian or Second Language Requirement

Knowledge of a second language increases the student's ability to understand other people. It encourages deeper awareness of the structure of language and its relation to thought. It develops sensitivity to other ways of ordering personal experience and social institutions, provides a direct way of comparing another culture to one's own, and provides greater insight into the workings of one's native language.

Shidler College of Business students must fulfill the 4 semester Hawaiian or Second Language requirement by selecting one of the following:

1. LANGUAGE

- 4 semester sequence: 101, 102, 201, 202 or 101, 102, 211, 212
- Must be proficient thru the 202 level within the SAME language
- Must be taken for letter grade only (not CR/NC)
- Native speakers of a language other than English should contact the College of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature for details

2. CULTURE

- Four courses from the SAME culture group (i.e. all 4 Chinese culture courses)
- Refer to Language Substitution List- Foreign Culture Courses link at: shidler.hawaii.edu/forms
- Two courses numbered 300 or above may be double counted as upper division electives
- Must be taken for letter grade only (not CR/NC)

3. COMBINATION of culture and language

- Language & Culture courses to equal 4 semesters (3+1 or 2+2)
- All coursework must be taken for letter grade (not CR/NC)
- Cannot mix different languages and cannot mix different cultures
- The language and culture group does not need to match
- Two culture courses (300+ level) may be double counted as upper division electives

4. INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE ABROAD

- Participate in an international study abroad for one full semester (not summer session)
- Interested students can explore options by visiting:
 - UH Manoa International Exchange (MIX) (QLC 206): manoa.hawaii.edu/mix
 - UH Manoa Study Abroad Center (Moore 115): studyabroad.hawaii.edu
 - Shidler's International Exchange website: shidler.hawaii.edu/international
 - Meet with a Shidler Academic Advisor (Shidler B101)

Credits for Previous Language Experience

All students under the current General Education requirements with experience in a language other than English (including native speakers) may earn "back credits." These students may take any UH Manoa course, appropriate to their language proficiency level, in which there is significant use of that language. (Appropriate level determined by placement exam or advisor; significant use determined by the course content.) Upon completion of this course, if students earn a letter grade of C (not C-) or better, they will receive between 3 and 16 back credits.

Back credits may be earned for only one language. The student must take the course for a letter grade (not CR/NC). Other restrictions also apply. Check with the appropriate language department for details and forms. Information is also available at www.hawaii.edu/gened/hsl.htm