Foreign Language Substitution
(Admission Requirement)
Petition Packet
The University of Florida
Foreign Language (Admission Requirement)
Cultural Option Substitution

All UF applicants must have completed an equivalent of 8-10 credits of foreign language in high school or community college or by examination. American Sign Language (ASL) is accepted by UF as a foreign language. A cultural option alternative was developed for students with disabilities that directly impact their ability to complete this requirement. An applicant that did not complete this requirement due to a documented disability may petition for the Foreign Language Substitution (FLS) as part of the admissions process. Appropriate documentation must be presented and provide a rationale that the student’s failure to meet the requirement is relative to the disability.

These FLS courses should be completed prior to starting at UF. Approval of the FLS does not guarantee that the applicant will be admitted to the University of Florida. If admitted, a student that successfully completed FLS courses for admission may then be required to complete additional coursework while attending UF if his/her college has a foreign language requirement. Substitution courses must be taken for a grade…taking them pass/fail is not acceptable.

If approved for the foreign language substitution, the applicant should take 8-10 credits of 2000 level or higher courses with a non-English/American cultural component. The courses should have significant non-Anglo cultural comparisons or a world view component. (Classes that focus primarily upon diversity within the United States are not acceptable for the cultural substitution.) The following is a list of courses that meet the UF foreign language admissions requirement and are offered at most Florida community colleges: ANT2410, EUH2000, EUH2001, EUH2033, GEO2420, HUM2210, HUM2230, HUM2410, HUM2420, HUM2472, ISS2270, LAH2020, LIT2110, LIT2120, LIT2195, LIT2350, WOH2040, REL2210, REL2240, and REL2300. Courses other than those listed above may be accepted but require prior approval.

Foreign Language Substitution (FLS) Petition Process

NOTICE: The petition process will take approximately three weeks from the time the petition is submitted to the designated DRC Learning Specialist.

Steps:

☐ UF applicant meets either in-person or via phone with a designated Learning Specialist at the Disability Resource Center (DRC) to discuss the petition process.
☐ UF applicant writes a personal statement requesting the petition and completes the necessary petition forms to submit to the DRC. The personal statement should explain prior attempts to complete high school and/or college foreign language courses and how those attempts have been negatively impacted by his/her disability.
☐ UF applicant submits the completed petition to the DRC.
☐ DRC forwards completed petition packet to the committee for review.
☐ DRC notifies the UF applicant & appropriate UF department/s (Admissions Office, college) of the committee’s decision.
☐ If approved, the UF applicant will complete a FLS “Cultural Option Program Plan” with a designated Learning Specialist at the DRC. The applicant should take 8-10 credits of 2000 level or higher cultural option courses prior to starting at UF.
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Foreign Language Substitution (FLS) for Admission
Information and Release Consent Form

Which foreign language classes have you attempted in high school/college and what grades did you receive?
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Did you receive accommodations for your foreign language classes?
Yes ___ What accommodations did you receive?
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No ___ Please explain
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Release Consent

I, ____________________________________________(print name), give permission to the Disability Resource Center to copy/release the documentation and/or information contained in my file for the purpose of a foreign language substitution petition.

Please write a brief statement of your prior attempts to complete high school and/or college foreign language courses and attach it to this form. Include how your disability has impacted those attempts.
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Signature Date UF ID #

Email Address Phone

If you have any additional questions regarding the FLS process or procedures, please contact Beth Roland at 352-392-8565 or bethr@dso.ufl.edu.