




THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Undergraduate Education

MEMORANDUM

To: Alex Underwood, University Registrar
From: Greg Heileman, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs 
Date: May 5, 2025
RE: Extension of Waivers for Second Language Requirement for 2025-2026 Academic Year

This memo serves to extend the temporary waivers regarding the Second Language Requirement for Undergraduate Degrees for the 2025-2026 academic year. The waivers are as follows:

1. **Waiver of "C or Better" Requirement:**

Following the recommendations of the Second Language Taskforce, the requirement for a grade of "C or better" in the last course of the [Second Language Requirement for Undergraduate Degrees](#) sequence will continue to be waived. Students must still fulfill all GPA and other graduation requirements for their degrees to be awarded. The course in which a student has received a grade of "D" must be taken at the University of Arizona and must be the last course in the required sequence for the Second Language Requirement.

2. **Waiver for ITEP Students:**

The Second Language Requirement will continue to be waived for all actively enrolled students in the Indigenous Teacher Education Program (ITEP) and those who will begin in the 2025-2026 academic year. The ITEP program will now fit under the Multilingual Learning Experiences category, recognizing the innovative ways in which the program fulfills the university's commitment to language proficiency through the appreciation of Indigenous languages, cultures, and knowledge systems.

These waivers are expected to be the last continuation of these exceptions, as the updated policy for the 2026-2027 catalog will incorporate the new guidelines established by the Second Language Taskforce.

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