

Background on the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)

- The DLPT is a function of the *Defense Language Institute* which is responsible for training military linguists in a variety of non-English languages.
- Using the DLPT, military linguists certify their skills in reading and listening once a year. Additionally, military service members and others, take the DLPT to certify their language proficiency so they can use those skills in their job.
- "Most federal government agencies rely on the DLPT, and the Oral Proficiency Interview – OPI, which are reliable, scientifically validated tools for testing language ability of DOD personnel worldwide."
- The DLPT is scored on a scale of 0 (Novice- low) to 3+ or above (Superior)
- The exam is meant to measure how well a person can function in real-life situations in a foreign language according to well-defined linguistic tasks and assessment criteria.

American Council on Education (ACE) and DLPT scores

- A student's score can be found on the Joint Services Transcript (JST) or the DLPT Score Report. The score is related to proficiency level, not to a grade.
- SMCCCD uses the score to determine the number of units that can be awarded using the *ACE* Credit Recommendations.

DEFENSE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST (DLPT) GENERATIONS III, IV, 5 LISTENING: PROFICIENCY LEVEL RATING: 1+

Exam Summary

Credit Type:	Exam
ACE ID:	DLI-0273
Organization:	Defense Language Institute
Location:	Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center
Length:	3 hours
Dates Offered:	11/1/2011 - 9/30/2023

Credit Recommendation & Competencies

Level	Credits (SH)	Subject
<u>Lower-Division Baccalaureate</u>	<u>3</u>	Foreign Language

The DLPT credit recommendations reflect a shift to create alignment with college and university foreign language degree programs and elective credits.

ACTFL	DLPT
Novice – Low	0
Novice – Mid	0/0+
Novice – High	0+
Intermediate – Low	1
Intermediate – Mid	1
Intermediate – High	1+
Advanced	2
Advanced – Plus	2+
Superior	3 and above

Who Benefits? Veterans and other students in the district who have taken the DLPT

What do we want to do? Update the policy for the 2023-2024 catalog addendum so credit can be awarded during the CPL Student Pilot this year.

Why are we asking? To give students seeking a local degree, GE Humanities credit for validated language skills.

When will it happen? Effective Spring 2024

How will it happen? Through districtwide approval by the colleges



Current SMCCCD Policy

Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)

San Mateo Community College District may award three semester units in CSU GE Breadth Subarea C2 utilizing the American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations.

Students who completed a DLPT Exam, can request an official Defense Language Institute Foreign Language (DLIFLC) Transcripts .

NOTE: If you did not attend DLIFLC, but I took a foreign language test you can request ACE credit recommendations by completing a DLIFLC FORM 420.

Proposed SMCCCD Policy

San Mateo County Community College District may award three units (semester) in CSU GE Breadth Area C2 (Humanities); or 3 units for the associate degree general education Area C2 (Humanities) at Skyline College and Cañada College, or Area E5C (Humanities) at College of San Mateo; utilizing credit recommendations from the [American Council on Education \(ACE\)](#).

Please Note: This policy does not award units towards the IGETC (Inter-Segmental General Education Transfer Curriculum) or CALGETC (California General Education Transfer Curriculum).

Students who attended DLIFLC and completed a DLPT can request an official [Defense Language Institute Foreign Language \(DLIFLC\) Transcript](#).

NOTE: If you did not attend DLIFLC but took the DLPT, you can use your Joint Services Transcript (JST) to verify your scores, or you can request your DLPT Score Report by completing a [DLIFLC FORM 420](#).