Appendix 4: Guidance for Assigning Academic Credit for the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) Passing Scores

Utilizing the American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations as described below, three lower division semester hours for language shall equate to three semester units (or their quarter equivalent) in CSU GE Breadth Subarea C2. When assigning academic credit using the DLPT, campus articulation officers and credit transfer evaluators should refer to the ACE National Guide to College Credit for Workforce Training. This ACE online guide organizes foreign language test scores and credit recommendations by language, version of test and modality of language. The Guide then provides lower and upper division credit recommendations based on the DLPT test score in the following modalities: listening, reading, and oral. Campuses may continue to award additional GE and/or major course credit as they have done in the past. An internal CSU guide for reviewing the DLPT is posted on the CSU Veterans Affairs SharePoint site (here).

Documentation

The following documents may be accepted to award DLPT GE or course credit:

- Official Defense Language Institute Foreign Language (DLIFLC) Transcripts
- Official Joint Services Transcripts (JST)
- Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) DLPT Examinee Results
- DA Form 330 Language Proficiency Questionnaire

If there are any questions about DLPT test documents or ACE's National Guide to College Credit for Workforce Training as it applies to the DPLT, please contact Dr. Marshall Thomas, Director of Active Duty and Veterans Affairs at mthomas@calstate.edu or (562) 951-4130.