Do you qualify to take the Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) exam?

You must be able to answer to all 3 of these questions:

□ YES! I am a degree-seeking student earning my degree from Towson University (not non-degree and not from another school.)
□ Yes! I have an overall GPA of at least 2.00 (Grade “C” Average)
□ Yes! This is the FIRST TIME I am taking the CPL Exam.

COST FOR 3 CREDITS: $100 * application fee + $30 per credit = $190.00

COST FOR 6 CREDITS: $190 * application fee + $30 per credit = $370.00

*If you submit your application but don’t take the exam for any reason (illness, etc.) you do not owe the application fee. If you take the exam and don’t pass it, you still MUST pay the application fee.

Now, here are answers to YOUR questions:

What is the exam? It’s a VERBAL and WRITTEN exam for NATIVE and HERITAGE speakers and writers at the 301/302 level in the following languages:


If you don’t see your language listed above, sorry, we do not test for it.

What credit do I earn? **We do NOT test for elementary or intermediate level credit.**

If you score an “A” on the exam you can earn either 6 credits for both the 301 & 302 (Advanced Composition & Conversation 1 & 2) courses in your language or 3 credits for the 302 level only.

If you score a “B” on the exam, you earn 3 credits for 301 only.

If you score lower than a “B” you earn zero credits.

Does my test grade show on my transcript?

No, the test grade does NOT show on your transcript. Only the Course Name (301 and/or 302) and the credits appear on your transcript. The exam does NOT raise or lower your Grade Point Average (GPA.)

The exam credits impact Gen Ed or Core Requirements as follows:

French/German/Italian/Spanish exam credits satisfy Gen Ed II.C.3 or 301 satisfies Core Requirement 5 and 302 satisfies Core Requirement 12.

Arabic/Chinese/Hebrew/Japanese exam credits satisfy Gen Ed II.D. or 301 satisfies Core Requirement 5 and 302 satisfies Core Requirement 12. Test credits may also be accepted toward a minor or major.

How do I apply?

1.) Fill out the application and have it **stamped** by the Foreign Languages Office (LA 4210.)
2.) Submit the application in-person to the Registrar’s Office (Enrollment Services Building, on Osler Drive, Room 231) by Friday, November 1, 2016.

**No applications will be accepted after 11/1/16.**
3.) Take the exam on the date given (no make-up exam for any reason.)
The student named here has the permission of the FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT to participate in the Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) assessment which will be administered by this department. Students must be current, degree-seeking candidates at Towson University with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 to earn units in the Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Program.

STUDENT INFORMATION: _____________________________________________________

Name ________________________________TU ID ________________________________

Street Address __________________________ City __________________________ State __________ Zip Code __________________

Phone: ________________________________ Email: ______________________________________

Student is applying to complete the exam for the following language/level (please circle one):

ARAB 301 or ARAB 301 & 302 or ARAB 302

FREN 301 or FREN 301 & 302 or FREN 302

HEBR 301 or HEBR 301 & 302 or HEBR 302

JPNS 301 or JPNS 301 & 302 or JPNS 302

CHNS 301 or CHNS 301 & 302 or CHNS 302

GERM 301 or GERM 301 & 302 or GERM 302

ITAL 301 or ITAL 301 & 302 or ITAL 302

PORT 301 or SPAN 301 or SPAN 301 & 302 or SPAN 302

If there are any questions, please contact the Foreign Languages Office via telephone at 410-704-2883 or email at forl@towson.edu

The Foreign Languages main office is located in the Liberal Arts Building, administrative suite 4210. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.