LPE Testing Policies

• California Lutheran University’s CORE 21 general education requirement for foreign language is proficiency in a foreign language at the second semester level.

• The purpose of LPE is to assess a student’s level of proficiency in a foreign language.

• The LPE score is used to determine the appropriate level for placement and/or proficiency of a foreign language.

• LPE is offered to current California Lutheran University students in two settings:
  o UNOFFICIAL: for placement purposes only
  o PROCTORED: for proficiency purposes which may satisfy the CORE 21 requirement

• Students may take the exam a maximum total of THREE times for the purpose of placement and/or proficiency.

• Students may use the unofficial placement score to register in the appropriate language course; satisfactory completion of the foreign language course at or beyond the second semester level may be used to fulfill the CORE 21 foreign language requirement.

• Students who wish to satisfy the CORE 21 foreign language requirement through LPE must contact LPE Coordinator to take the designated exam in a proctored setting.

• Students whose proctored test results show they are proficient at the second semester level or higher will complete the CORE 21 Foreign Language requirement but will NOT receive course credit.

• Students who can demonstrate language competency at higher levels may choose to continue studying a foreign language major or minor; they are encouraged to meet with the Department of Languages and Cultures to find out more information.

• All LPE scores will be reported to the Registrar’s Office and placed in the student’s academic record.

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