

TKU Course Selection Guidelines for Foreign Languages and Drills of General Education Curriculum

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1. The TKU Course Selection Guidelines for Foreign Languages and Drills in General Education Curriculum are formulated in response to the restructuring of TKU's General Education Curriculum (Herein referred to as "These Guidelines"). The guidelines apply to students admitted in or after academic year 2015.
2. A total of 8 credits in Foreign Languages and Drills need to be obtained to meet the graduation requirement. Undergraduates should take English (I) (4 credits) in the freshmen year and make up the remaining 4 credits in the sophomore year either by progressing onto taking English (II) (4 credits), or by choosing courses in another foreign language other than English. The language students choose to study in the first and the second semester of the sophomore year should be the same.
3. Courses in another foreign language other than English in these guidelines comprise Spanish (I), Spanish (II), French (I), French (II), German (I), German (II), Japanese (I), Japanese (II), Russian (I) and Russian (II).
4. Undergraduates (apart from English majors) should take English (I) (4 credits) in the freshmen year, and can either choose to progress onto English (II) (4 credits) or take courses in another foreign language (other than English) in the sophomore year.

Freshmen in any departments but the English Department who scored level 15 in English in the General Scholastic Ability Test, or whose English ability ranked top 10% in the College Entrance Examination, or students whose first language is English can apply for exemption from taking English (I) in their freshmen year. They should then take one of the following to make up the 4 credits: Spanish (I), French (I), German (I), Japanese (I), or Russian (I).

Students who meet the aforementioned criteria can make such applications to their departments by the second week of the first semester of their freshmen year. They need to fill in the Application Form for Non-English Majors Taking Another Foreign Language Other Than English (I), and the Course Selection Form for Another Foreign Language Other Than English (I). Their applications will be reviewed by the Department of English. Once approved, students are deemed eligible to take courses in another foreign language other than English. They must do so in their freshmen year; otherwise, their application will be voided.

5. Undergraduates from all departments in the College of Foreign Languages and Literatures should take courses on a different language from their major as part of the General Education curriculum. Undergraduates from the Department of English should take courses on another foreign language other than English in their freshmen and sophomore year.
6. Non-English majors enrolled in the School of Continuing Education should taking English (I) (4 credits) in their freshmen year and English (II) (4 credits) in their sophomore year. Freshmen and sophomore English majors in the School of Continuing Education should take Japanese (I) (4 credits) and Japanese (II) (4 credits) respectively.
7. Other rules regarding course selection:
 - (1) Freshmen who complete English (I) can continue to study English (II) or take level-one courses in another foreign language other than English in the sophomore year.
 - (2) Freshmen who are exempted from taking English (I) and complete the level-one courses in another foreign language other than English can continue to study the same language and proceed onto level-two courses in their sophomore year. Alternatively, they can also choose to study English (II) in their sophomore year, or enroll in level-one courses in another different foreign language from the one they studied in their freshmen year.
 - (3) Undergraduates who failed level-one courses in another foreign language other than English should retake the courses, or change to study English (I). English majors who failed level-one courses in another foreign language other than English can only retake courses on that language.
 - (4) Students who failed level-two courses in another foreign language other than English should retake the courses, or enroll in level-one courses in yet another foreign language (different from the one they studied previously), or take English (II). English majors can only retake level-two courses in another foreign language other than English or enroll in the level-one courses in yet another foreign language (different from the one they studied previously).
8. This set of guidelines will take effect on the date of its publication after being passed in a Foreign Languages and Drills Committee Meeting, General Education Curriculum Committee Meeting, Academic Affairs Meeting and approved by the TKU President. The same applies to any later amendments made.