



BELLARMINE
UNIVERSITY
IN VERITATIS AMORE

Language Proficiency Bellarmine Bilateral Exchange Program

This report is required for applicants planning to pursue coursework, besides language courses, in a language other than their native language(s). Applicants must submit a separate form for each language in which their courses will be taught at their requested study sites.

To be completed by the applicant:

Name: _____

Home Institution: _____

Native language(s): _____

Language for which this report is being submitted: _____

1. What coursework have you taken, including courses in progress, in or related to this language? List name of course, brief description and grade received if applicable. (Use separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

2. What other experiences have you had in this language? (e.g., spoken at home, read journals/newspapers, etc.)

To be completed by a professional language instructor:

Bellarmino Bilateral Exchange Participants matriculate directly into host institutions and should be able to follow university lectures in the foreign language, participate in seminar discussions, take notes and understand written materials in their field. The willingness of host institutions to accept future Bellarmine Bilateral Participants will be determined by the performance of the participants selected. Your opinion of the applicant will be of great assistance in the selection process. It is important that your comments be detailed and frank. Thank you for your assistance.

Please type or print clearly. Return this form by the specified date to the addressee designated on the reverse side of the sheet.

1. How was the evaluation determined?

- Based on knowledge of applicant's coursework in language at this institution
- Written examination. Name of test and date administered: _____
- Oral Examination. Date administered: _____

2. Please indicate your opinion of the applicant's present language ability in each of the following categories (continued on reverse).

a. Aural Comprehension

- None
- Limited to slow, uncomplicated sentences
- Understands simple conversation
- Understands conversation on simple academic topics
- Understands sophisticated discussion of academic topic

b. Writing Ability

- None
- Writes simple sentences on conventional topics, with some errors in spelling and structure
- Writes on academic topics with few errors in structure and spelling
- Writes with idiomatic ease of expression and feeling for the style of the language

c. Speaking Ability

- None
- Able to complete structurally simple, short phrases
- Uses basic grammatical structure, speaking with limited vocabulary
- Uses structural patterns, but not with consistent accuracy; adequate to participate in conversational topic
- Has control over structural patterns; can handle a wide range of conversational situations

d. Reading Ability

- None
- Limited to simple vocabulary and sentence structure
- Understands conversational topics and non-technical subjects
- Understands materials that contain idioms and specialized terminology
- Understands sophisticated materials, including those in proposed field of study

3. What is your opinion of the applicant’s ability to pursue university-level coursework in this language alongside native speakers?

- Will require considerable training before necessary competence can be attained
- Will require additional training before beginning the program
- Should be able to manage adequately after a short period of adjustment abroad
- Should have no difficulty

4. Please add my additional comments relating to the applicant’s linguistic ability

5. Please mark as appropriate:

- I do not approve the applicant for study abroad in this language
- I conditionally approve the applicant for study abroad in this language
- I unconditionally approve the applicant for study abroad in this language

6. In the case of conditional approval, what are the conditions the applicant must satisfy to receive clearance for study abroad?

Instructor’s signature _____ Date _____

Name (please type or print clearly) _____ Position or title _____

Office address, telephone, and email _____

Please return by November 30 to:

**Office for Study Abroad and International Learning
502-272-8423
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Student name: _____

Home institution: _____