

Framework for Proficiency Certificates in Modern Languages

UFV will recognize ability in a modern language by awarding an associate certificate for intermediate proficiency or a certificate for advanced proficiency. This framework sets the criteria for these credentials. As the Modern Languages Institute offers more languages that provide the courses needed to meet the requirements for these credentials, the department will request approval from the Dean of Arts and UEC that these languages be included under this framework.

Certificates in each specific language will be reviewed through the Academic Program Review process to ensure that the required courses are regularly scheduled and offered for students.

Credentials to be awarded

An Associate Certificate, Intermediate Proficiency or a Certificate, Advanced Proficiency may be awarded on completion of the requirements. The specific language for which proficiency has been demonstrated will be identified in parentheses as part of the credential; i.e. Associate Certificate, Intermediate Proficiency (Halq'eméylem); Certificate, Advanced Proficiency (Spanish).

How to obtain a proficiency certificate

Students in any UFV program who meet the stated requirements of proficiency in a single language, as outlined below, may apply for the corresponding associate certificate or certificate by completing a graduation application, available at Admissions and Records by April 1 (all requirements must be met by April 30).

Program requirements

Associate Certificate, Intermediate Proficiency

- 12 credits in a single language, including a minimum of 6 credits at the 200-level
- Or
- The Grade 12 level of a language plus 6 credits at the 200-level

Certificate, Advanced Proficiency

- 20 credits in a single language, including a minimum of 6 credits at the 200-level and 8 credits at the upper-level
- Or
- The Grade 12 level in a single language plus 14 additional credits, including a minimum of 6 credits at the 200-level and 8 credits at the upper-level

General requirements

1. To be awarded a credential, the cumulative GPA for the required post-secondary courses must be at least 2.33.
2. At least 25% of the credits must be taken at UFV.
3. Credits may be earned through prior learning assessment. (Credits earned in this way do not count toward the 25% of the credits that must be taken at UFV.)