

## Proposed GE Second Language Requirement

### What is it?

Second Language 102 & 201

Non-native English students meet the requirement through EIL coursework or testing out of EIL

Native English speakers who have learned a second language on their own can test out of the requirement via BYU's language test

Admissions gives preference to applicants who have prepared for college by studying languages

### Why have it?

Equalizes the GE experience of EIL and domestic students

Includes EIL Adv II hours into GE for EIL students, streamlining graduation requirements

Equips students with facility to communicate and serve in the Church and community in future years

Helps students learn new ways of thinking and seeing the world, learning about other cultures

Promotes integration with international students (Bro. Eggington's research on this campus)

Helps domestic students appreciate the efforts of intl. students to do University work in a 2<sup>nd</sup> language

Makes a statement about the international and intercultural nature of BYUH

Can attract prepared potential mainland students who are excited about being a part of a global Church University by making our identity clear

Provides a way to narrow the vast number of mainland student to select those who would best contribute to BYU-Hawaii and most enjoy the international experience

Could discourage people who are just coming for a beach experience at college

Can help attract and promote preference for returned missionaries who served in our target area

With the change in mission ages we will have even more returned missionaries, men and women, who will have mission foreign language, reducing the number who will need coursework

### Why not include Language 101 in the GE hours?

101 seen as remediation and an expectation in college preparation, given limited GE hours

New Freshmen take an average of 2.5 years of foreign language in High School, preparing most (though not all) to enter at the 102 level ([Institutional Research data](#))