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ACTFL Assessments for College Credit Recommendations



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For Speaking and Writing Proficiency In 100+ World Languages

ACTFL OPI Oral Proficiency Interview

ACTFL OPIc Oral Proficiency Interview - computer

ACTFL WPT Writing Proficiency Test

College Credit Recommendations for ACTFL Assessments

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) provides college credit recommendations for language proficiency as demonstrated through official ACTFL assessments. Individuals with spoken and/or written language proficiency in any of 100+ world languages may receive an ACTFL recommendation for college credit for their language abilities. The number and type of credits that are recommended depend upon the official rating received on ACTFL tests. (See Summary of Credit Recommendations Chart.) Three ACTFL assessments are currently available for college credit recommendation: Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI®), Oral Proficiency Interview – computer (OPIc®), and Writing Proficiency Tests (WPT).

Official ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)

The OPI is a carefully structured, 20-30 minute telephone delivered interview between an ACTFL Certified Tester and a candidate. The interview is interactive and adapted to the experiences and linguistic competence of the candidate. The interview is recorded and independently rated by a minimum of two ACTFL Certified Testers, and an Official ACTFL Certificate is issued.

Official ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview - computer (OPIc)

The ACTFL OPIc is a test of spoken language proficiency that replicates the OPI, but is delivered over the internet and on demand. The OPIc is customized to the test taker's experience and ability, and is designed to elicit a 15-30 minute speech sample. The OPIc is rated by certified ACTFL Raters and provides ratings across the full range of the ACTFL Scale from Novice through Superior.

Official ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)

Written language proficiency can be demonstrated through the ACTFL WPT. This is a standardized test for the global assessment of functional writing ability and measures how well a person writes spontaneously in a language. Writing samples are independently rated by a minimum of two ACTFL Certified Raters, and an Official Certificate is issued.



Summary of Credit Recommendations for Official ACTFL Ratings

Official ACTFL Rating	Official OPI/OPIc	Official WPT
Novice High/ Intermediate Low	3 LD*	3 LD
Intermediate Mid	6 LD	6 LD
Intermediate High/ Advanced Low	6 LD + 1 UD**	6 LD + 1 UD
Advanced Mid	6 LD + 3 UD	6 LD + 3 UD
Advanced High/ Superior	6 LD + 8 UD	6 LD + 8 UD

*LD - Lower Division Credit **UD - Upper Division Credit

Recognizing Language Proficiency Gained through Traditional and Non-Traditional Means

ACTFL assessments are standardized procedures for the global assessment of functional language ability. They measure language holistically and report ratings according to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines 2012. In addition to measuring proficiency acquired through traditional academic environments, ACTFL's OPI®, OPIc® and WPT recognize speaking and writing competency gained through non-traditional settings, regardless of where or how language is gained.

ACTFL Assessments in 100+ World Languages

ACTFL offers assessments in over 100 world languages and continually works to expand the scope of its language testing. For a complete list of languages available for official ACTFL testing, go to www.languagetesting.com.

Speakers of Less Commonly Taught Languages

ACTFL assessments, available in 100+ languages, include both commonly taught and less commonly taught languages. In this way, speakers and learners of less commonly taught languages are provided with the same testing opportunities as those available to speakers and learners of the more commonly taught and tested languages.

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ACE Credit Recommendations

The American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT) has evaluated and recommended college credits for the ACTFL OPI, OPIc, and WPT for the following languages:

Akan-Twi, Afrikaans, Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Bengali, Bulgarian, Cambodian (Khmer), Cantonese, Czech, Dari, Dutch, English, French, German, Gujarati, Haitian Creole, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Mandarin, Modern Greek, Norwegian, Pashto, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Tagalog, Tamil, Thai, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese, and Yoruba.

The number and type of credits that are recommended by ACE depend upon the official rating received on ACTFL tests. (See Summary of Credit Recommendations Chart.)

Scheduling an ACTFL Assessment

Language Testing International, Inc. (LTI) schedules and administers all ACTFL assessments. LTI can also assist candidates in registering for official transcripts with ACE's Transcript Service.

For more information about the ACTFL OPI, OPIc and WPT, visit www.languagetesting.com, or call 1-800-486-8444 ext. 310.