

# THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

## The UWI Foreign Language Policy for a Multilingual University

### What is The UWI Foreign Language Policy?

In keeping with one of its strategic objectives to enable graduates to develop foreign language competencies suitable for a 21st century world, The University of the West Indies has implemented a foreign language policy that came into effect in the 2022/2023 academic year.

ALL students who have been accepted into The University of the West Indies from the academic year 2022/2023, and onwards, to read for an undergraduate degree are required to register for and successfully complete a prescribed three-credit foreign language course at the level of their competence.

### Who is exempted from the Foreign Language Policy?

- Students who matriculated into the University with a foreign language obtained at the Caribbean Examinations Council with CSEC Grade 1, 2 or 3, or CAPE Unit I or II, Grades 1 to 5, or equivalent.
- ALL international students whose first language is not English and who matriculated into the University with English as a Second Language (ESL) qualification.
- Any student who has certification in a foreign language.

**These exemptions shall be without credit**

N.B. Undergraduates who satisfy matriculation requirements under the Mature Student Clause will also be required to show proficiency in a foreign language.

**Which courses are available to students who need to fulfil this requirement at the Cave Hill Campus?**

CHIN 1001 Chinese Language I

FREN 0101 Beginners' French

SPAN 0101 Beginners' Spanish

LING 1819 Beginners' Caribbean Sign Language

**How else can this requirement be fulfilled?**

Students can fulfil this requirement by obtaining a certification in a foreign language from any institution outside of the University.

**When do students have to take a foreign language?**

Students can fulfil this requirement at any time during their undergraduate programme.

**Where will this requirement be recorded?**

The fulfilment of foreign language requirement will be recorded on students' transcripts.