

**To:** Faculty Senate

**From:** Jeff Judd, Chair Assessment Committee serving as proxy for Candy Hochstein

**Date:** 4/26/ 2017

**Re:** Motion to accept revisions to Back Language Credit policy.

**Ref:** Please see [PLA Manual](#)

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Faculty Senate Motion

"On behalf of the Standing Committee on Assessment, I (Senator Judd) move that the Faculty Senate adopt the proposed revisions listed below to the currently approved Back Language Credit policy"

Item Change	Proposed Revisions(s)
<p data-bbox="240 726 683 758">Current Back Language Credit Policy</p> <p data-bbox="186 793 737 1360"><b>Back Language Credits</b> – Students placed above the 101 (or corresponding newer 3-credit course emphasizing oral proficiency) level in Hawaiian or foreign languages offered at Leeward CC, can receive, at no additional cost, credits for the courses they are exempted from upon completing the next course in the sequence with the grade of C or higher or by passing a Credit by Institutional Exam with the grade of C or higher. Students whose level is above that of 202 (or the corresponding newer 3-credit course emphasizing oral proficiency), including native speakers of the languages, can receive credits for the full course sequence provided they pass the Credit by Institutional Exam of the highest course in the sequence with the grade of C or better.</p>	<p data-bbox="800 726 1341 758">Amendments to Back Language Credit Policy</p> <p data-bbox="760 793 1378 1360"><b>Back Language Credits</b> – Students placed above the 101 (<del>or corresponding newer 3-credit course emphasizing oral proficiency</del>) level in Hawaiian or foreign languages offered at Leeward CC, can receive, at no additional cost, credits for the courses they are exempted from upon completing the next course in the sequence with the grade of C or higher <del>or by passing a Credit by Institutional Exam with the grade of C or higher</del>. Students whose level is above that of 202 (<del>or the corresponding newer 3-credit course emphasizing oral proficiency</del>), including native speakers of the languages, can receive credits for the full course sequence provided they <b>register for and pass the highest course (202)</b> <del>pass the Credit by Institutional Exam of the highest course</del> in the sequence with <b>a</b> grade of C or <b>higher</b>.</p> <p data-bbox="938 1398 1203 1430">Revision without edits</p> <p data-bbox="760 1465 1378 1829"><b>Back Language Credits</b> – Students placed above the 101 level in Hawaiian or foreign languages offered at Leeward CC, can receive, at no additional cost, credits for the courses they are exempted from upon completing the next course in the sequence with the grade of C or higher. Students whose level is above that of 202, including native speakers of the languages, can receive credits for the full course sequence provided they register for and pass the highest course (202) in the sequence with a grade of C or higher.</p>

### Rationale for Item Change

The foreign language faculty would like to amend the currently approved back language credit policy. The amended policy will require students who place above the 101 level in Hawaiian or foreign languages offered at Leeward CC, can receive at no additional cost, credits for the courses they are exempted from by completing the next level course in the sequence with a grade of C or higher. Students whose level is above that of 202 including native speakers of the languages, can receive credits for the full course sequence provided they complete the highest course in the sequence with a grade of C or better.

The foreign language faculty would like to update the current back language policy to be more in line with UHM. They would like to do this so that Leeward CC could then pursue a Memorandum of Agreement with UHM's Hawaiian Language and Foreign Language departments. If Leeward CC is able to obtain the MOA, any Leeward CC student who obtains credits via Leeward CC's back language policy will automatically receive the credits. As Leeward CC currently does not have an MOA with UHM, any student who has back language credits must personally petition to have his/her credits accepted by UHM. Part of the petition is that the Leeward CC faculty must write a letter of support, and submit a copy of Leeward CC's syllabi. Not only is this tedious, we do not know how many students do not even ask to petition for the back language credits, and "loose" the credits when they transfer.