

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 68 (LANG): **Change the criteria for receiving credit for LANG 120
from Advanced Placement**

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1. Delete: On page 40, under Notes, the **last bullet** in the following:

- A. To receive credit for LANG 120, students must satisfy at least one of the following criteria:
- Students with a score of 5 on one or both of the exams will receive 4 hours of credit for LANG 120.
 - Students with a score of 4 on both the Language & Composition test and the Literature & Composition exam will receive 4 hours of credit for LANG 120.
 - **Students with a score of 4 on only one of the exams will receive 4 hours of credit for LANG 120 if they also have a score of 690 or higher on the SAT I Writing exam or a score of 32 or higher on the ACT Writing exam.**

Impact: SAT or ACT scores will no longer be a factor in determining if students receive credit for LANG 120. Students will receive credit for LANG 120 based only on their score on the AP exam. While some students have received credit for LANG 120 based on the combination of AP score and SAT/ACT score, there shouldn't be significant impact to the number of students receiving credit. The department is able to accommodate the slight increase in the number of students who may need to take LANG 120 as a result of this change.

Rationale: The writing section of the SAT exam is a standalone component and is no longer required, so it can't be used as a determining factor for LANG 120 credit. The old exam had a combination of critical reading and writing sections (total score of 1600) so the score on the writing section could be used as part of the criteria to determine credit for LANG 120. The new test doesn't break out the writing section as a separate score.

If a student does elect to take the new standalone writing section (called the Writing and Language Test), the score scale has changed significantly - formerly 200-800, now 10-40. A 690 on the old version would equate to a 36 on this new scale, but not all students will take this section.

Because both the SAT and ACT present the writing component as optional, the English department opts instead to accept only the scores for the AP exams, which also reflect coursework in which students have received writing instruction.