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Dear Faculty Advisors,

The GER language requirement (no longer “foreign”) requires that students demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English. Students can meet the requirement by demonstrating proficiency in any natural language that is natively spoken or signed by one or more linguistic communities (sorry, no Klingon!). The requirement is to demonstrate proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing at the level of 200 or above (for the B.A.) or 102 or above (for the B.Mus.). For Latin and Greek, proficiency must be demonstrated only in reading and writing, and for non-written languages, proficiency must be demonstrated only in listening and speaking.

Students have several options for fulfilling the requirement, including:

- coursework (at Lawrence, another university, or off-campus study);
- examinations (AP, IB, or proficiency tests);
- evidence of attending high school in a language other than English (for international students); or
- other documentation of native-speaker abilities (letter from an authority, etc.).

These are spelled out in more detail in the attached catalog copy.

Native speakers of a language other than English should document their proficiency in their first year at Lawrence to help with course planning for subsequent years. Please encourage those students to contact Student Academic Services to start the process. Ruth Lunt is helping in SAS this spring and will guide students through the steps. As we help students, we will work to make the process more straightforward.

Thanks,  
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