

Common Curriculum Second Language Requirement Substitution Accommodation Guidelines
Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies (DASS)
Southern Methodist University

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SMU undergraduate students are required to attain intermediate competence in a second language. The Undergraduate Catalog describes the Second Language requirement (SLR) in detail.

Students with disabilities are not excused or waived from course prerequisites, GPA requirements, or degree requirements. However, in some limited circumstances, when all other means of accommodation have been deemed inappropriate and/or exhausted, a course substitution may be appropriate.

DASS considers course substitutions on a case-by-case basis and only after the student makes a specific request for this accommodation and submits the required documentation. Course substitutions are made only when it is clear that the student's disability makes the completion of the requirement impossible and that the course requested for substitution is not an essential component of the academic program, allowing the substitution to avoid altering the integrity of the academic program.

Once admitted to SMU, students with a disability that significantly impairs the ability to acquire a second language may apply for a second language substitution. The decision to grant a substitution is based on an individual's learning history, documentation of a disability that substantially impairs second language acquisition, and future educational goals. If DASS approves the second language substitution, determining which courses may serve as substitutes academic progr

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