

## **NATIVE/HERITAGE PROFICIENCY EXEMPTION FROM THE ARHU GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT**

If a student's spoken language (other than English) is not a language evaluated through placement exams at UMD, students can register with the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) to have their proficiency level evaluated. Students will need to register for and complete an official telephone interview with a representative from the ACTFL. Students' proficiency must be evaluated as Advanced-Mid, Advanced-High or Superior in order to demonstrate native proficiency and fulfill the ARHU Global Engagement requirement. Please note that this option is to verify native proficiency, and students pursuing it should be aware of the rigors of this examination.

### *Procedure*

- Students should create an account at [www.languageTesting.com](http://www.languageTesting.com). Once the account is set up, students should select the test application listed under University, School or Academic Program listed as Univ. of Maryland College of Arts & Humanities in order to sign up for the exam. **The correct application must be selected when signing up in order to ensure the correct test is completed and that test results will be made available to the College of Arts & Humanities.**
- ACTFL will communicate with students by e-mail to give them the particulars on the test date, etc., including passwords and other security measures.
- The test consists of a phone conversation (approximately 30 minutes) with a certified speaker of the particular language.
- Results should be available to the College of Arts and Humanities in about 10 business days. These results will indicate whether or not the student passed the interview.
- The College of Arts and Humanities will contact students to let them know their test results.
- Students who do not receive a passing score will need to satisfy the ARHU foreign language requirement by taking the appropriate course(s) in consultation with an ARHU advisor.
- The current price of the test is \$109.00. It is strongly recommended that students take this examination at the time that an ARHU major is declared in order to maximize the opportunity to complete required course work should their evaluated proficiency level fail to satisfy the requirement.

NOTE: Please remember that students are subject to the University of Maryland Honor Pledge which prohibits students from receiving any unauthorized assistance with this interview.