Fact sheet
Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)/Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)
American Council on Education (ACE) College Credit Recommendation Program

Program Description:
The American Council on Education (ACE) provides academic credit recommendations based on valid results earned on Defense Language Proficiency Tests (DLPT) and Oral Proficiency Interviews (OPI). The ACE credit recommendation documentation is prepared by the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) Registrar’s Office in accordance with AR 621-5 Army Continuing Education System (ACES).

Qualifications for Valid DLPT/OPI:
The DLPT/OPI must have been taken on or after 1 October, 1990 to qualify for ACE college credit recommendations. Credit recommendations are only available for some languages tested with a DLPT III, DLPT IV format after 1 October 1990 or DLPT5 after 1 July 2005. DLPTs taken prior to web-based testing must have been documented by the Test Control Officers by mailing the original answer sheet to DLIFLC. DLPTs and OPIs taken after web-based testing was fielded, must be verifiable in the DMDC DLPT Reporting application. DLPTs and OPIs must be valid in accordance with the AR 11-6 and DA Pam 11-8. Not all languages and test versions are ACE credit recommended. For a full list of eligible languages, test versions, skills tested and dates, see the ACE website at: http://www2.acenet.edu/credit/?fuseaction=browse.getOrganizationDetail&FICE=190163.

Who is Eligible to Request DLPT/OPI ACE Credit?
DLPT/OPI ACE credit recommendation program is intended for US military personnel who require a language to perform their military duties. Civilians, faculty, contractors, and staff are not eligible to receive ACE credit recommendations for their DLPT performance, which also includes performance on the OPI. DLPTs/OPIs taken through other government agencies may not be available to DLIFLC.

What is ACE?
The American Council on Education (ACE) College Credit Recommendation Service connects workplace learning with colleges and universities by helping adults gain access to academic credit for formal courses and examinations taken outside the traditional classroom. ACE conducts reviews of DLPTs and OPIs periodically, and changes may apply to the number of credit recommendations and languages after each review.

How Can I Use the ACE Credit Recommendations?
Many colleges and universities accept ACE credit recommendations. However, academic programs and requirements vary, so it’s up to the college or university whether they will accept all, some, or none of the credit recommendations. Check with your institution’s admissions office or academic advisor to find out whether or not they will accept DLPT/OPI ACE credit recommendations as transfer credits.

How Do I Obtain ACE Credit Recommendations for My DLPT/OPI Results?
The process is simple! Go to http://dliflc.edu/administration/registrar/dlpt-ace/ and complete a DLIFLC Form 420, Request for DLPT/OPI ACE credit for each language. The form is fillable and can be submitted through the secure AMRDEC SAFE website https://safe.amrdec.army.mil to the DLIFLC Registrar’s Office at transcripts@dliflc.nps.navy.mil. You may also print out and mail a hard copy of the DLIFLC 420 to DLIFLC, ATFL-ASD-DA (REGISTRAR), Bldg. 634 Room 4, Presidio of Monterey CA 93944.