

R136, Language Proficiency in the Utah System of Higher Education¹

R136-1. Purpose: To provide for the use of languages other than English for communications with non-English speakers, to promote English proficiency, and to encourage enhanced language training in the Utah System of Higher Education.

R136-2. References

- 2.1. Utah Code 53B-2-106 (Duties and Responsibilities of the President)
- 2.2. Utah Code 63-13-1.5 (Official State Language)

R136-3. Policy

- 3.1. **Official State Language:** English is the official language of Utah and is the sole language of the government. Pursuant to Utah Code 63-14-1.5 institutions and the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority (UHEAA) may use languages other than English for communications with non-English speakers in accordance with this rule.
- 3.2. **Communications in Order to Encourage English Proficiency:** System institutions and UHEAA may use languages other than English to establish communications with non-English speakers. These communications may explain educational opportunities and institutional or UHEAA policies and procedures in order to encourage and support participation in institutional and UHEAA education, training and other related programs, including English proficiency training. Such communications shall promote the principle that non-English speaking children and adults should become able to read, write, and understand English as quickly as possible.
- 3.3. **Foreign Language Instruction:** System institutions and UHEAA shall continue to emphasize and support foreign language instruction as an integral and important function of Utah higher education.
- 3.4. **English as a Second Language Instruction:** System institutions and UHEAA shall support, initiate, continue and expand formal and informal programs in English as a Second Language.

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