

# RTC Required Second Language Competence\* Form (PhD Only)

This form is to be used to document satisfaction of the requirement to demonstrate competence in a language other than English (see RTC Handbook, section 4.3):

PhD students are required to demonstrate reading proficiency in a language other than English by one of the following means:

- Demonstrating level IIB competence by taking an appropriate examination. Normally this will consist of an undergraduate third-year placement exam offered by the Michigan Tech Modern Language program,
- Successfully completing a level IIB language course (2nd term of second year of college), as shown by transcripts from within the last five years OR by completing one of the modern language courses of this level or higher offered in the humanities department
- Successfully completing college-level coursework delivered in a language other than English.
- Formally petitioning the RTC Director, in consultation with Modern Language faculty, for a waiver (for students whose native tongue is other than English).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in program: \_\_\_\_\_

Means to demonstrate second language competence (check one):

MTU level IIB examination

Successful completion of language course at IIB level (attach transcripts)

Successful completion of college-level course in language other than English (attach transcripts)

Petition for waiver from RTC Director for students whose native tongue is other than English (attach note from RTC Director):

Signatures and dates

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Modern Language Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

RTC Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* This requirement will normally be completed before the student can begin the Qualifying Examinations. However, if a student has made plans to undertake language instruction in their third year of coursework, she or he may petition the RTC Director for an extension. Students must complete the language requirement before their proposal defense.