The only GER for which a student may receive an exemption is GER6.

Students seeking to demonstrate proficiency in a modern foreign language not currently offered at William and Mary may do so by documenting one of the following:

1) this was the language of instruction in the high school from which you graduated,
2) you have scored "Intermediate" or higher on the ACTFL standardized test for this language.

If you meet one of these criteria, you may petition the Registrar for alternate fulfillment of the foreign language proficiency requirement.

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William and Mary e-mail address
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Student ID Number
Phone Number (where you can be reached)

Select one of the following options for your GER 6 Exemption:

☐ Art  Completed 2 years of Art during High School (excluding Photography).

☐ Dance  (Department Signature/Approval Required) Dance Placement Evaluation Test will be used to determine GER6 exemption in Dance. The level of exemption is equivalent to the completion of a 200 level course. Students will either be placed in a 200 level course, which they can take to satisfy the GER6 requirement, or will be considered exempt if they place into a 300 level course.

☐ English  Creative Writing  (Department Signature/Approval Required) The English Department will evaluate documentation of prior experience in 2 years of academic courses in creative writing. Students should submit their publication(s) directly to the English Department by the end of the second full week of classes.

☐ Speech  (Department Signature/Approval Required) - Select Option A or B

A ☐ Students wishing to demonstrate mastery of speaking principles sufficient to meet GER6 should arrange with Speech faculty in the Department of Theatre and Speech to sign up for an audition.

B ☐ A student can be exempt from the GER6 requirement in Debate/Forensics if he/she has competed in a district national-qualifying NFL tournament in two separate years or two CFL national-qualifying tournaments in two separate years. Students should submit to the Department evidence of competition, such as copies of certificates of merit, official tabulations, or official notification of qualification from NFL or CFL authorities.

☐ Theatre  (Department Signature/Approval Required) - Select Option A or B

A ☐ The Department requires a memorized four to five minute audition of two contrasting pieces from plays demonstrating a valid interpretation of the character in the context of the play, believable characterizations, the ability to evoke appropriate emotional responses, and control of movement, vocal production, and the mechanics of performance.

B ☐ Students who wish to be exempt from the GER6 requirement using scenic, costume, or lighting design may present portfolios of their work to the Department.
Select one of the following options for your alternate foreign language placement:

☐ English was NOT the language of Instruction in my High School (transcript from that HS must be on file in the Registrar’s Office)

☐ Intermediate score or higher on the ACTFL standardized test for this language. Scores must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office.

For more information on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages proficiency tests, go to:  
http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageID=4369

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Student Signature          Date

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Exemption Approval

Department ______________________________________________

Department Chair/Program Director Signature ________________________________

Placement information:

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