

Advising and MODERN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

- The numbers of years a student has completed in a foreign language is posted on the advisor's Advisee Listing / Test Scores.

Must students take a foreign language? *It depends...*

- Only students who expect to graduate with a B.A. (Bachelor of Arts) degree must satisfy the foreign language requirement.
- B.S. (Bachelor of Science), B.S.B.A (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration), B.S.Ed. (Bachelor of Science in Education), and B.S.W. (Bachelor of Social Work) students are not required to take a foreign language unless they want to satisfy at CAT B course with a foreign language.
- Students who have satisfied the foreign language competency are not required to take a foreign language unless they want to further the study of the language to satisfy CAT B or as a free elective.

How does a student satisfy the foreign language competency?

The foreign language requirement is considered fulfilled when a student demonstrates competency at the intermediate level (103 or above) of the language. Intermediate proficiency can be demonstrated by:

- satisfactory completion of three years of the same foreign language in high school.
- satisfactory completion of a language course at the intermediate level (SPN 103; FRN 103, GER 103 or CHN 103).
- satisfactory placement on the Modern Language Department proficiency examination (only if testing out of 103).

- AP testing with a score of at least 2- the student must request that the testing agency submit official test results to the dean's office for final approval. The CLEP exam is also accepted.

What course should a student with less than three years of the same language schedule?

Students are no longer required to take the Modern Language Department placement test prior to registering for a language course. Instead, the appropriate course level will be determined by the number of years in the language the student completed in high school.

- **Students who completed two years of the same foreign language in high school** are to register for the 103 course in the language.
- **Students who completed one year of a foreign language in high school** are to register for the 102 course and then the 103 course in the language to fulfill the modern language requirement.
- **Students with no previous knowledge of the foreign language** must begin with the introductory level (101) and complete two courses (102 and 103) in that language to fulfill the requirement.
 - Students who took one or two years of a FL language in high school should not be advised to take a 101 level of the same foreign language. They should be advised to take 102 if they have had one year of a FL in high school and 103 if they had two.
 - For those students who claim that they do not remember anything from high school and that they would like to start with the beginning (101) level, please tell them that levels 102 and 103 start with a review of previous concepts. This way the students can catch up and adjust to the new level.
 - Students who have completed language courses in high school can register for the beginning (101) course if they have not taken any previous courses in that language. For example, a student who did three

years of Spanish in high school can take FRN 101 (and the other two levels) if he/she wants.

- Students who desire to register in a higher level or to test out of a level must take the Modern Language Department Placement Test.

Can students not required to satisfy the foreign language competency take a foreign language course as a General Education Category B or free elective?

- **YES.** All students can take a foreign language course to satisfy CAT B or as a free elective.
 - However, the student cannot take the same levels of the language previously completed.
 - Students should be placed according to their number of years in the language.
 - Only one course in the same language can be used in CAT B. However, if a student takes one course in two different languages, both courses can be used in CAT B, such as FRN 101 and CHN 101
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- All students should consider the value of taking a foreign language course.
 - Students majoring in areas such as criminal justice or social work should be encouraged to gain foreign language competency.

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