

University of Washington

"Foreign Language" Admission Requirement

Two years of study are required. The two years must be completed in the same language.

- The foreign language requirement will be considered satisfied for applicants who complete their education through the seventh grade in school(s)
 1. where English was not the language of instruction **and**
 2. in countries other than Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the UK, and the U.S.
- International applicants who entered the U.S. education system prior to the 8th grade must satisfy the foreign language requirement.

Any natural language that has been formally studied may be used to satisfy this requirement, including American Sign Language (ASL, the language of the deaf community), and languages no longer spoken, such as Latin and ancient Greek. However, neither computer 'languages' nor forms of deaf signing aside from ASL are acceptable.

A foreign language course taken in the eighth grade may satisfy one year of the requirement if the second-year course is completed in high school.

IF MADE UP THROUGH COLLEGE COURSE WORK

For purposes of admission, each quarter of language in college is considered equivalent to one year in high school. Applicants who have never studied a foreign language will need to complete ten quarter credits of a single foreign language. However, an applicant who studied French for one year in high school needs to complete only the second quarter (e.g., FREN 102) or the second

Each college qtr. = 1 year high school

i.e. Span 101 = 1st year h.s.

102 = 2nd yr.

103 = 3rd yr.

201 = 4th yr.

semester of a first-year language sequence. Of course, you may prefer to begin with 101 to refresh your memory.

“Foreign Language” Graduation Requirement (to graduate with a B.A. or a B.S. in any field)

Students graduating from the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, or the School of Social Work must fulfill the foreign language graduation requirement.

None of the other colleges or schools require foreign language beyond the two high school years required for admission to the UW.

Any one of the following completes the foreign language graduation requirement:

- complete the third college quarter of a foreign language with a grade of 2.0 or higher
- place into at least the fourth college quarter
- pass a proficiency test in a language
- be considered a native speaker of a language other than English

Grades Required

You must achieve at least a 2.0 (C) grade in the third quarter of the foreign language. The third-quarter course may not be taken on the satisfactory/not satisfactory (S/NS) grading option. Any passing grade, including an S on the S/NS grading option, in the fourth or higher quarter of a language will also satisfy the requirement.

Placement and Proficiency Tests

If you plan to continue the foreign language you took in high school, you must take a placement test to determine the level at which you should resume the language. In most languages, if you have transferred college credit, you may simply continue the language with the next quarter. Alternatively, if you have no background in a language, for most languages you can just start with the first class in the sequence.

If UW places you into the fourth quarter of a foreign language, or higher, your placement test score alone exempts you from the Arts and Sciences foreign language requirement. Placement tests taken at other colleges do NOT exempt you from UW's language requirement.

For more on placement and proficiency, visit the Placement tests page.

INFORMATION ON PLACEMENT VARIES FROM LANGUAGE TO LANGUAGE

French/Italian- contact: Jennifer Keene

100 pt. Multiple choice exam written in-house, score of 0-14, depending on score, placement is as follows:

0-10 pts.	15-30 pts.	10-30 pts.	31-56 pts.	57+ pts.
101	102	110	103	201

Also, a score of 3+ on A.P. exam or a 7+ on the I.B. exam fulfills the 101-103 req.

Spanish/Portuguese—contact: Lani Phillips

Same as French or Italian

Asian languages—contact Jia (sp?)

Japanese, Chinese & Korean: In house exams, discretion of professors

Scandinavian Languages—contact: Ella

must scores 80% average on the following:

- 100 pt. multiple choice test covering grammar, vocabulary and spelling
- brief essay
- oral interview

English Language Competency for Entrance

Although the four-year English core requirement cannot be waived, the options presented below are acceptable alternatives for students whose first language is not English and who are immigrants, refugees, U.S. permanent residents, or U.S. citizens.

ALTERNATIVE ONE

To fulfill the English core subject requirement under this alternative, both A and B must be satisfied.

A: Test Score Requirement

Submit one of the following official test scores by the application closing date:

- SAT Critical Reading 430
- ACT English 17

A test score from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the Michigan Language Test (MLT) cannot be used to meet this requirement.

B: Course Work Requirement

A total of four years of study are required.

- Composition or literature courses in the student's first language may satisfy up to three years of the requirement.
- English composition or literature courses taken in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, or the U.S. may satisfy up to four years of the requirement.
- These courses may satisfy no more than one year of the requirement:
 - English, if taken outside of Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, or the U.S.
 - ESL taken in the U.S.
 - Courses in drama as literature, public speaking, debate, journalistic writing, or business English that were completed in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, or the U.S.

ALTERNATIVE TWO

Mostly for Transfer Students

All three of the following must be satisfied:

- A minimum of 60 transferable quarter credits from a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S. or from an accredited college or university in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom must be completed at the time of application. Transcripts showing 60 completed credits must be submitted by the application closing date.
- A minimum of two college-level English composition courses, for a minimum of six credits, taken at a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S., or from an accredited college or university in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom. All college-level English composition and literature courses must be completed with a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 (B).
- Two additional units of English, which may be satisfied by high school or college courses.
 - The high school years must be in composition or literature courses, in English or the student's first (native) language.
 - The college courses must be in college-level composition and literature *in English*. A unit is five credits on a quarter system or three credits on a semester system.

English Language Competency for Graduation with a B.A. or B.S. in any field

The University of Washington requires all students who are not US citizens to demonstrate English language proficiency. Students may demonstrate English proficiency by submitting minimum test scores or by completing mandatory English language requirement course work through the UW's Academic English Program (AEP). The requirement applies to both undergraduate students and graduate students.

Minimum Test Scores

Any one of the following test scores may be presented as proof of English proficiency. Students submitting minimum scores before enrolling as a degree-seeking student are considered to have met the English proficiency requirement. Minimum scores submitted after students are enrolled will exempt them from future AEP course requirements.

- SAT Critical Reading (taken after February 2005) - 490
- SAT I Verbal (taken April 1995-February 2005) - 490
- SAT I Verbal (taken before April 1995) - 410
- ACT English - 20
- APIEL - AP4
- TOEFL - Internet based - total of reading/listening/writing sections - 70
- TOEFL - Computer based - 237
- TOEFL - Paper based - 580
- UW Administered MLT (Michigan Language Test) - 90
- IELTS - 7
- AEP Diagnostic Examination scores

WWU Western Washington University

Contact: Sam Kelly, phone 650-3437.

Must have 2 consecutive years of the same foreign language on the high school transcript. This would include 8th grade coursework, if it appears on the high school transcript. There is no minimum grade requirement. American sign language will satisfy this requirement.

If you call the admissions office, you will be told that there are no options to test out of the requirements and that proficiency in a language other than English will not satisfy the requirement for foreign language on the high school transcript.

Sam Kelly, of the admissions office, when probed, indicated that non-native English speakers can satisfy the foreign language requirement if one course of English Language Learning appears on the high school transcript. English Language Learning may be taken in 8th grade, but it must appear on the high school transcript.

General University Requirements for graduation from WWU requires 12 Humanities credits, taken from at least two departments. University level foreign language course work can apply towards meeting this requirement. AP credits can not apply towards meeting this requirement.

Placement into university level language studies is determined by the university foreign languages department.

Placement Test Scores

Math	098	111	120	124/144	124/145
Intermediate Mathematics Test	0-46%	49-57%	60-100%		
Advanced Mathematics Test	0-33%	37-67%	40-67%	68-100%	73-100%

Raw scores: Intermediate Math Test—17/35 = 49%; 21/35 = 60%

Advanced Math Test—11/30 = 37%; 12/30 = 40%; 21/30 = 70%; 22/30 = 73%

A placement score is not required for MATH 098 or MATH 107.

A student is allowed to register for a course lower than the placement. For example, a student who places into MATH 124 is allowed to take MATH 120 instead.

MATH 125 and 126: AP score (3, 4, 5) or college credit for MATH 124/125 (2.0 minimum grade) required. UW does not offer a placement test for any math above 124.

Foreign Languages

Spanish	101	110*	102	103	**proficiency satisfied; take 2nd-year test for placement
SP100A	0-15	10-44	16-44	45-69	70-80
	201	202	203	301	
SP200A	0-75	76-145	145-165	166-175	

*The student must also have taken two years of high school Spanish to be eligible for SPAN 110.

**The student may enroll in SPAN 201, or may take the second-year test to attempt to place higher.

French	101	110	102	103	*proficiency satisfied; take 2nd-year test for placement
FR TL	0-14	10-30	15-30	31-56	57-100

*The student may enroll in FRENCH 201. A student who wants to attempt to place higher may contact the Testing Center to schedule a second-year test. The test will be scored by the Division of French and Italian Studies.

German	101	111	102	103	*proficiency satisfied
GER TL	0-11	0-35	12-35	36-56	57-100

*The student may enroll in GERMAN 201. A student who wants to attempt to place higher may contact Germanics, 206-543-4580, 340 Denny Hall.

Italian	101	102	103	*proficiency satisfied
IT100A	0-14	15-30	31-56	57-100

*The student may enroll in ITAL 201. A student who wants to attempt to place higher may contact the Testing Center to schedule a second-year test. The test will be scored by the Division of French and Italian Studies.

Japanese	111	112	113	*proficiency satisfied
JP100A	0-5	6-20	21-40	40-70

*For placement in the second year or above contact Asian Languages and Literature, 225 Gowen, 206-543-4996 for an advising appointment.

Korean	All levels
	No score is reported, only course placement

Chinese

Placement

- Students with any background in Chinese, formal or informal, who wish to take Chinese language courses must fill in and submit an online questionnaire for placement. You can find a link for the online questionnaire on the *Asian Languages and Literature homepage*:
http://depts.washington.edu/asianll/course_info/placement.html
- The Asian Languages and Literature Department uses this questionnaire to accurately place students in Mandarin Chinese courses. It is available the first day of the first week of registration each quarter. Students should complete it as early as possible as it can take up to 5 working days to receive a response. Students who complete the questionnaires spring quarter for autumn quarter placement may wait as long as one month for a response. If you do not see the questionnaire when you go to one of the above websites, the questionnaire has been "closed". This means that the department is no longer placing students in Chinese language courses.
- After completing and submitting the questionnaire, an instructor in Asian Languages and Literature may interview you for placement. If you do not receive an interview, you will be given an add code for a particular Chinese language course.

Proficiency

- The Asian Languages & Literature department administers a proficiency test once each quarter. Please check the Asian Languages & Literature "Placement and Proficiency" webpage for the time and location of the next test:
http://depts.washington.edu/asianll/course_info/placement.html
- Contact the department to register, 206-543-4996. Early registration is recommended.

Vietnamese

- Placement—Students must talk with the instructor, Kim Nguyen, 206-543-4986. Students who speak fluently but cannot read or write Vietnamese should also contact Kim Nguyen to be placed in a special 111-212 sequence.
- Proficiency—The Asian L&L department administers a proficiency test once/quarter. Please see the Asian L&L placement webpage for the upcoming test date. Contact the department to register at 206-543-4996. http://depts.washington.edu/asianll/course_info/placement.shtml

CHEM 145 (Honors Chemistry)

Placement test required except for:

- Early Entry Program (EEP)
- Young Scholars
- Students with CHEM AP scores of 4 or 5 or Higher Level chemistry IB of 5, 6, or 7

Scores are pass, borderline pass, and fail.

Repeat test policy

French, Italian, and Spanish tests may be repeated after 6 months have passed. The Japanese test may be repeated once per quarter. The Korean and German tests can be taken twice in a 12-month period with a 75-day wait between tests.

The math placement test may be repeated once, after two weeks have passed. After the second test, a calendar year must pass before the test can be repeated again.

AP Scores

Check SRF536 for unmatched AP scores—if a student didn't provide a social security number when taking the test, UW has to locate the score manually. Students should contact Admissions to get this corrected, but in the meantime advisers may be able to see the scores in on SRF536.