

Foreign Language Requirement Quick Reference

AP Credit

- Students who earn a 4 or 5 on an AP exam for a language Villanova offers, have met the requirement and will receive credit for two courses.
- Students who earn a 4 or 5 on the AP German exam have met the requirement, but will not receive course credit and must thus take two additional free-electives to meet the required number of courses to graduate.

Romance Languages and Latin

- Students may begin a new Romance language (i.e., Spanish, French, or Italian) or Latin and take courses through the intermediate II level (i.e., four courses in total).
- Students may take a placement exam in Spanish, French, Italian or Latin to determine the appropriate level at which to start, then take courses through the intermediate II level. Students who place into intermediate II or above, must complete the course into which they have placed in order to fulfill the Core requirement. Students who fulfill the requirement by taking only one course must take an additional free-elective to meet the required number of courses to graduate.

Critical Languages and Ancient Greek

- Students may begin a new critical language (i.e., Arabic, Chinese, Irish, Japanese, or Russian) or Ancient Greek and meet the requirement in two semesters (i.e., introductory I and II). Courses in these languages are 4 to 6-credit intensive courses. Students not planning on majoring in the language or a major that requires the language may want to consider starting them their second year, rather than their first.
- Students seeking placement into one of these languages should contact the department that offers the language to determine the appropriate course level. Students who place into introductory II or above, must complete the course into which they have placed in order to demonstrate proficiency and fulfill the requirement. Students who fulfill the requirement by taking only one course must take an additional free-elective to meet the required number of courses to graduate.

Proficiency Exam

- Students may fulfill the requirement by achieving a qualifying score on a proficiency exam at the intermediate II level in a language Villanova offers. Students who meet the requirement through a proficiency exam must take two additional free-electives in order to meet the required number of courses to graduate. To determine whether the appropriate proficiency exam can be taken at Villanova, check with the department that offers the language. If an exam is not offered at Villanova, students may take the exam at another accredited institution. Students may contact the Office for Undergraduate Students (SAC 107) for more information.

Credit-By-Exam Program

- Students may fulfill the requirement and receive course credit through the Credit-by-Exam program for any language taught at Villanova other than their native language. Students may contact the Office for Undergraduate Students (SAC 107) for more information.

Exemption from the Requirement Due to Language Proficiency

- Students fluent in languages not offered by Villanova, may obtain an exemption from the requirement by submitting documentation of proficiency from an accredited institution. International students may submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores as documentation of proficiency. Students deemed proficient must instead take two additional free electives to meet the required number of courses to graduate. Documentation should be submitted to the Office for Undergraduate Students (SAC 107).