

World Language Requirement

Since Fall 2024

Overview

This World Language requirement graduation policy applies to all students starting after Fall 2024 and to those who have yet to complete the requirement. Here are the guidelines to satisfy it:

- **Basic I and II** of the same language *or equivalent*.
- **American Sign Language I and II** (SLP 3670 & SLP 3700) also satisfy the language requirement.
- **Students with prior experience in a foreign language** can satisfy (or partially satisfy) the language requirement through:
 - **Language placement test** at WP for the following languages:

Albanian*	French	Japanese	Russian
Arabic	German	Korean*	Spanish
Chinese	Italian	Portuguese*	

*These are both placement and challenge exams and students may earn credits.

- Testing at the Basic II level (1110) = requires completion of the 3 credit Basic II course of that language.
- Testing at the Intermediate I level (2100) or higher = exempt.
- **Language challenge exam through NYU or BYU** (for languages not offered at WP). More information about challenge exams below.

- **Dual enrollment** (college credits completed in high school) language credits at the Basic II level or above.
- **Advanced Placement (AP)**. See table below for credit equivalencies.
- **New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy**. See table below for credit equivalencies.
- **College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**. See table below for credit equivalencies.
- **International Baccalaureate (IB)**. See table below for credit equivalencies.
- Other external exams may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Other options available

- **Students with English as a second language:**
 - Students with high school or transferring from a university with instruction in a language other than English and have met the English Language requirements for admission to William Paterson (TOEFL or other approved exams) are considered to have met the World Language requirement.
 - **Starting in Fall 2025:** Students for whom English is a second language may choose to complete two transitional English language courses to enhance their English language skills. These courses earn college credit, are not considered to be remedial, and satisfy the World Language requirement.
- **Returning adult learners:**
 - Adult learners returning to formal education after a leave of 10 or more years may request review and consideration of their language history by the Dean of the College of Adult & Professional Studies to complete the requirement by course substitution or for possible exemption.
- **Students with Learning Accommodations:**
 - Students may be exempted from completing the World Language Requirement based on appropriate documentation approved by the Accessibility Resource Center.

Please, see the full policy here: <https://www.wpunj.edu/policies/docs/academic/degree-requirements.pdf>

Challenge exams

Challenge exams allow students to earn credit based on their language skills.

- **Challenge exams available to take at WP.** These are free to take. Once they have the results, the student will pay a WP processing fee of \$75 (for 3 credits) or \$150 (for 6

credits):

- Albanian
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Spanish
- For any other languages, students can take the **exams at NYU or BYU**:
 - These exams can be taken remotely.
 - The student is responsible for arranging and paying all the fees for the exam and proctoring (if applicable).
 - The exam results will be sent to the Registrar's office.
 - NYU: <https://www.sps.nyu.edu/professional-pathways.html>
 - BYU FLATS exam: <https://info.flats.byu.edu/>

Exam	Level/Score	WP Equivalent Course Number	WP Equivalent Course Title	Number of credits	Language requirement
NYU	8-10	LANG 1100, LANG 1110	Basic I, Basic II	6	Satisfied
	11 - 13	LANG 1100, LANG 1110, LANG 2100	Basic I, Basic II, Intermediate I	9	Satisfied
	14 - 16	LANG 2100, LANG 2110	Intermediate I, Intermediate II	9	Satisfied
BYU	102	LANG 1100, LANG 1110	Basic I, Basic II	6	Satisfied
	201	LANG 1100, LANG 1110, LANG 2100	Basic I, Basic II, Intermediate I	9	Satisfied

More information about the challenge exams can be found [here](#).

Equivalences in credits for language credentials

Substitute appropriate language course code for "LANG"; for languages not in the WP catalog, use LANG as a generic Modern Language course code.

Certificate	Level	Score	WP Equivalent Course Number	WP Equivalent Course Title	Number of credits
AP: World Languages and Cultures	N/A	3	LANG 1100	Basic I*	3
	N/A	4	LANG 1100, LANG 1110, LANG 2100	Basic I, Basic II, Intermediate I	9
	N/A	5	LANG 1110, LANG 2100, LANG 2110	Basic II, Intermediate I, Intermediate II	9
NJ Seal of Biliteracy	N/A	N/A	LANG 1110, LANG 2100	Basic II, Intermediate I	6
CLEP: Language	1	50	LANG 1100, LANG 1110	Basic I, Basic II	6
	2	59	LANG 1100, LANG 1110, LANG 2100	Basic I, Basic II, Intermediate I	9
CLEP: Spanish with Writing	1 and 2	70	SPAN 2100, SPAN 2110	Intermediate I, Intermediate II	6
International Baccalaureate: Language Acquisition	Standard	4	LANG 1100	Basic I	3
	Standard	5, 6, 7	LANG 1110, LANG 2100	Basic II, Intermediate I	6
	High	4	LANG 1110, LANG 2100	Basic II, Intermediate I	6
	High	5, 6, 7	LANG 1110, LANG 2100, LANG 2110	Basic II, Intermediate I, Intermediate II	9

*Does not satisfy the language requirement.

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