

Everything You Want to Know About
The Language Requirement
But Are Afraid to Ask

1. How can students meet the language requirement?

- One-semester language course in Ancient Greek, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Latin, Japanese, Sanskrit, or Spanish
- Two semesters of the Self-Instructed Language Program (SILP) in American Sign Language, Arabic, Hebrew, Korean, Portuguese, or Russian

2. Can a student enroll in any class they want?

MODERN LANGUAGES

- Students with prior knowledge of a modern language may not take a 101 class.
- Students who want to register for French or Spanish 101 must contact the instructor for permission.
- Students who want to continue prior study of French, German, Italian, or Spanish must take the online placement exam.
- Students who want to take Chinese or Japanese must contact the instructor for placement.
- Students who want to meet the language requirement through the SILP program should contact the SILP coordinator (see below).
- Attention: Be aware language classes fill up quickly and students should NOT count on seats being available if they put off the requirement.

ANCIENT LANGUAGES

- Students without prior knowledge of Ancient Greek or Latin may enroll in CG 110 or CL 110.
- Students with prior knowledge, regardless of level, should contact the coordinator (see below).

3. Where can I find the placement test?

- Go to <https://www.skidmore.edu/wll/requirements.php>.
- For Ancient Greek or Latin contact the coordinator (see below).

4. What if a student already has advanced proficiency in a language?

- Students with advanced proficiency in Ancient Greek, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Latin, Japanese, or Spanish can meet the language requirement by taking an upper-level literature and culture course in that language, and should contact the coordinator of that language (see below).
- Attention: Students who speak Spanish but have never studied the language formally should enroll in Spanish for Heritage Speakers WLS 221.

5. Do international students from non-English speaking countries still need to take a language course to meet the requirement?

- Yes.

6. Who should I contact if I have more questions?

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