

# The Language Study FAQ

## **1. How can students meet the Language Study requirement?**

- One-semester language course in American Sign Language, Ancient Greek, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Korean, Italian, Latin, Japanese, Sanskrit, or Spanish

## **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.
- 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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