

**World Language Requirement at Grove City College
For Students Entering in Fall 2026 and Beyond
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Grove City College believes the language requirement helps promote a high level of cultural literacy and communication skills that are necessary for students to serve and lead in a global context.

All B.S. graduates in the Calderwood and Business schools *and* all B.A. graduates in all schools are required to complete the language requirement. Double majors are subject to the language requirement for their first major only.

Degree Type	Language Requirement Fulfillment ^{1, 2}
BA	101, 102, 201 and 202
Calderwood and Business Schools BS	101 and 102
BSEE, BSME, BSN, BM, and Hopeman School BS	N/A

¹ approved 100-level or 200-level transfer or study abroad language courses may also count toward the language requirement.

Modern or classical/biblical languages may fulfill the requirement. Students should plan to begin language coursework in the fall of their freshman year.

Languages offered at GCC: French, Spanish, Biblical Greek and Biblical Hebrew. [Note that Latin is currently offered very irregularly at the introductory level; students with a background in Latin or another language not on this list should consult the instructions on p. 2 if they are interested in proficiency testing and/or transfer credit.]

Information on Language Placement

Language Placement and Completion for Languages Regularly Offered at GCC

The standard for determining the world language course needs for each student is based on the following:

1. Students who have had prior exposure to the language they wish to take will need to complete the language placement exam within the first year of matriculating at GCC if their first major has a language requirement. If they change from a first major without a language requirement to a first major with a language requirement, then they need to take the placement test within a year of changing majors.
 - a. For French and Spanish: Exam information can be found on the Modern Language department’s language placement website. The exam will determine placement into a course in the language sequence (101, 102, 201 or 202) based on the student’s knowledge and skill level. Classes below the student’s skill level are waived. If a student can demonstrate proficiency beyond the highest required language course for the sequence required for their degree, the student must also complete an oral interview or proctored assessment with the department to validate their results and qualify for a full waiver to the language requirement. Note: the department may require a follow-up oral interview to confirm any student’s placement, regardless of placement level.
 - b. For Greek and Hebrew: Contact the chair of Biblical and Religious Studies to arrange a placement exam.

2. Once students have started language coursework, they may not skip a course in the sequence unless they receive express permission from the department chair (Modern Languages or Biblical and Religious Studies) of the language they are studying. Upon successful completion of highest course in the requirement sequence in the same language, the student will have met the language requirement.

World Languages Not Regularly Offered at GCC

If a student has had substantial high school coursework or experience in a language not regularly offered at GCC (including American Sign Language and Latin), the student may be able to show proficiency beyond the 102 level (for relevant BS degrees) or 202 level (for BA degrees) through:

- a) Approved AP, IB, or CLEP scores
- b) Approved transfer coursework (including study abroad)
- c) Testing from an outside organization authorized and approved in advance by the Modern Languages Department chair. Students are responsible for paying any required assessment fees. Sufficient scores may waive the language requirement, but they will not grant academic credit. Evidence of proficiency through testing must be submitted within the first year of matriculation at GCC (or within the first year of switching to a major with a language requirement) to waive the language requirement.

If the student's skill level does not meet or exceed the required standard, the student may choose to study a language available at GCC. A student who wishes to pursue a language not offered at GCC may pursue coursework in a language via approved transfer credit outside of the GCC fall and spring semesters *or* the student may complete required coursework in the language through an approved study abroad program.

Advanced Placement, CLEP and IB Credit

Students who receive credit for a modern language through an Advanced Placement, CLEP or IB modern language exam may fulfill part or all of the language requirement. If the requirement is only partially fulfilled by the AP, CLEP or IB credit, the student may take additional courses in that language to complete the requirement. The AP, CLEP and IB policy defining the course credits is published on the Registrar's website.

TOEFL / Native Speaker Policy

Students who submit a TOEFL report which indicates a native language other than English will have met the world language requirement.

Other students with native-speaker level skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking may consult the chair of Modern Languages to determine whether they have met the world language requirement.