

**WORLD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT AT GROVE CITY COLLEGE
BEGINNING WITH THE FALL 2025 CORE CURRICULUM
(UPDATED 9/24/2024)**

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
BA	101, 102, 201 and 202
Calderwood and Business Schools BS	101 and 102
BSEE, BSME, BSN, BM, and Hopeman School BS	N/A

¹approved 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.]

Language Waivers [Available for Academic Year 2025-26 ONLY]

Prior to Fall 2025, the College granted waivers to the language requirement based on high school language coursework. Beginning in Fall 2026, waivers will be granted exclusively on the basis of the student’s proven level of incoming language proficiency as verified by approved testing (as outlined on the following page). However, as the transition is made to the new core curriculum, a variation of the high school-based language waivers from the outgoing curriculum (e.g. 2024-25) will be retained for students matriculating during the 2025-26 academic year, to then be fully phased out. Note that students who matriculated before Fall 2025 remain under the outgoing language requirements and waivers.

TEMPORARY Waiver System – ONLY Applies to Students Matriculating in 2025-2026			
Degree Type	2025 Core Curriculum Language Requirement	2025-26 Waiver for 3 years of HS modern language with a B or better	2025-26 Requirement for students with 2-3 or more years of HS classical language with a B or better
BA	Modern or classical language 101, 102, 201 and 202 ¹	No college language coursework required. ²	Modern or classical language 101 and 102 ^{1, 3}
Cald. and Bus. BS	Modern or classical language 101 and 102 ¹		

¹ For modern or classical languages that the student has taken previously, see guidelines on p. 2. A student with prior experience *may* qualify to enter a level beyond 101 (or, more infrequently, a student may qualify to test out of the sequence).

² The core curriculum language *requirement* is waived, but if the student decides to take languages as an elective, the student does not automatically skip the listed classes. Placement testing is required to determine the appropriate level of entry.

³ The variation between the full & partial waivers for high school modern & classical languages reflects the nature of the pre-2025 waivers that are being extended as a courtesy for one year. Under this temporary adaptation of the pre-2025 waivers for students matriculating in Fall 2025/Spring 2026, incoming students will take the same (or fewer) credits toward the language requirement as if they had arrived in Fall 2024.

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.

Other World Languages Not Regularly Offered at GCC (including Latin)

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.**
- d) **Special note on Latin testing:** For students matriculating in 2025-26, a single sitting of a proctored proficiency exam will be available at no cost to the student. This exam must be completed within the first year of matriculating. Testing dates for Fall 2025 will be provided to admitted students over Summer 2025.

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 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.