

World Language Advising

Advisors: *Students should begin world language coursework in the first year whenever possible.*

1. Who has a language requirement?

These degree programs have a language requirement: B.A. (Bachelor of Arts, B.M. [Bachelor of Music]), B.S.W. (Bachelor of Social Work), B.S.B.A. (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration), B.S. in Engineering (VIEP-French, VIEP-German, VIEP-Spanish students only)

These degree programs include language course(s) as an option to fulfill the Cultural Diversity requirement: B.S. (Bachelor of Science), B.S.F.A. (Bachelor of Science in Fine Arts), B.S.P.E. (Bachelor of Science in Physical Education), B.S. in Engineering (all degrees)

2. Why begin world language coursework early?

- Students who begin world language coursework early are usually **more successful**, especially those continuing a language studied in high school.
- Starting early opens up opportunities for **scholarships** and **study abroad**.
- Students can more easily **add a language minor** to complement a course of study if they begin early.

3. What is the first step to world language study at Valpo?

Students must first take the appropriate placement exam. The placement exam is a tool, not a test. Students should follow these guidelines:

Students do take the placement exam in a specific language if:

- They have taken this language in a traditional high school or junior high/middle school class.
- They have studied this language through homeschooling.
- They have spoken the language at home and/or with family; after taking the exam, they should contact the language section head.

Students do not take the placement exam in a specific language if:

- They have never been exposed to this language.
- They have only studied this language independently using software.

Placement Codes:

- The following codes will appear in the "Test" module within DataVU code: WLC Course

1	101
2	102
3	203
4	204 (all languages except for Latin where "4" = course 305)
5	220-230-231 (Spanish); 305 (Chinese) 305-306 (Japanese)
- Placement exam entry point: valpo.edu/world-languages-and-cultures/placement
- Exam administrator: Carol Goss (carol.goss@valpo.edu, x-5764)

Students who want to begin a new language should register for world language course 101 (FREN 101, GER 101, SPAN 101, etc.).

4. Whom do advisors or students contact when they have questions?

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5. What exactly is the world language requirement?

General Education Requirement for Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Social Work Degree (2021-2022 Catalog, p. 235)

8 credits: Course number 102 in a world language in which the student has no more than one year of high school credit, or course number 203 in any world language. A student who has completed a second-year language course in high school will not be granted credit toward degree requirements for level 101 in that language at Valparaiso University. International students whose native language is not English and who are studying on a nonimmigrant visa are exempt from the world language requirement provided that they have successfully completed ENGL 101, ENGL 102, ENGL 103, or ENGL 200, Literary Studies.

General Education Requirement for College of Business (2019-2020 Catalog, p. 266)

8 credits: Courses numbered 102 and 203 in a world language in which the student has more than one year of high school credit Courses numbered 101 and 102 in a world language which the student has not taken before. For nonimmigrant visa international students whose native language is not English, there is no world language requirement providing they have completed ENGL 101, ENGL 102, ENGL 103, or ENGL 200: Literary Studies

Retroactive Credit

- Students who place into world language course 203 will earn 4 credits for 203 after passing the course and 4 more credits for skipping over 102 (a total of 8 credits).
- Students who place into world language course 204 will earn 4 credits for 204 after passing the course and 8 more credits for skipping over 102 and 203 (a total of 12 credits).

Transfer Credit

If students have potential transfer credit for one or more languages, confirm that they have sent in their official university transcript(s). To continue in a language at Valpo, students are encouraged to still take the placement exam to confirm that they'll be starting at the appropriate course level. Students who have taken the equivalent of level 203 at another institution will not be awarded retroactive credit. However, they will have fulfilled their World Language Requirement.

Other details provided here: valpo.edu/world-languages-and-cultures/policies

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