

William Paterson University
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

ADVISEMENT SHEET: WORLD LANGUAGES GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

William Paterson University has committed to graduate students with the ability to communicate effectively with speakers of other languages. We believe that this is an essential skill in an increasingly global society. Hence, matriculated students working towards a BA or BS Degree at William Paterson University are required to complete up to 6 credits in World Languages as a requirement for graduation.

- Upon admission to WPU, both first-year and transfer students must take a World Languages placement exam, if available, for any language they took in high school. Roughly, 2 years of high school language = 1 semester of college-level language.
 - During the fall and spring semesters, World Languages placement exams can be taken in Atrium #131 on Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:00. During the summer, placement exams are available on Monday-Thursday from 8:30-4:30. Evening tests are by appointment; contact the Director of the Language Lab, Mr. James Miles, at x3039 or milesj@wpunj.edu.
 - Advisors can access placement results on the Student Information page in Banner, under *View Test and Placement Scores* indicating which level they have tested into.
 - Students who enroll in Basic I (LANG 1100) of a language they've previously studied or placed out of, risk not having the course count toward fulfilling the World Languages requirement (but may count as a free elective).
- Students are encouraged to identify a World Language (including American Sign Language) that aligns with their career goals as early as possible, and then complete up to 2 semesters of the same World Language (0-6 credits).
 - Basic I (LANG 1100) & Basic II (LANG 1110), if new to the language.
 - If placed into LANG 1110, must complete LANG 1110 & Intermediate I (LANG 2100).
 - If placed into LANG 2100, must only complete LANG 2100.
 - If placed into Intermediate II (LANG 2110), requirement is waived (no credit).
- Alternative credit options
 - **AP Credit:** To earn AP credit, students must also have taken the AP exam and reported results to William Paterson for the credits to count toward the World Languages requirement.
 - **CLEP:** students may receive up to 6 free elective credits for successful completion of Language CLEP, however these credits will not be applied toward the World Languages requirement.
 - **Challenge Exam:** given by the Department of Languages and Cultures, at the intermediate level only (LANG 2100, 2110). If the Challenge Exam is successfully completed prior to earning 90 credits toward graduation, student can purchase and apply credits toward the World Languages requirement. If the Challenge Exam is

successfully completed after earning 90 credits, the World Languages requirement can still be waived, however credits cannot be purchased.

- **NYU:** in those languages for which we don't offer challenge exams, student may pay to take a test through NYU for waiver or credit. This test may be taken on-campus at WPU. To make arrangements for the NYU exam, please contact Mr. Miles.
- Exemptions
 - **Major Exemption**
 - Students enrolled in credit-intensive BFA or BM programs are automatically exempt from the World Languages requirement. If those students change degree programs, they will need to fulfill the requirement.
 - **Disability Exemption**
 - If a student has been evaluated and found to possess a learning disability that precludes successful completion of the World Languages requirement, they may be eligible to complete cultural area studies courses taught in English, chosen through advisement, as substitutions. For more information, contact the Office of Disability Services at <http://www.wpunj.edu/disabilityservices>.

For additional information, please contact the Department of Languages and Cultures at http://www.wpunj.edu/cohss/departments/lang_cul/foreign-language-requirement.dot.