

World Language Requirement

Since Fall 2024

Overview

This World Language requirement graduation policy applies to all students starting after Fall 2024 and to those who have yet to complete the requirement. Here are the guidelines to satisfy it:

- **Basic I and II** of the same language *or equivalent*.
- **American Sign Language I and II** (SLP 3670 & SLP 3700) also satisfy the language requirement.
- **Students with prior experience in a foreign language** can satisfy (or partially satisfy) the language requirement through:
 - **Language placement test** at WP for the following languages:

Arabic	German	Russian
Chinese	Italian	Spanish
French	Japanese	

- Testing at the Basic II level (1110) = requires completion of the 3 credit Basic II course of that language.
- Testing at the Intermediate I level (2100) or higher = exempt.
- **Challenge exam:** Albanian, Korean, Hindi, Portuguese and Turkish. This exam requires payment of a \$150 fee, and may also earn up to 6 credits. More information about challenge exams below.
- **External language exams** (for languages not offered at WP). More information about external language exams below.
- **Dual enrollment** (college credits completed in high school) language credits at the Basic II level or above.
- **Advanced Placement (AP)**. Credit equivalencies can be found [here](#).
- **New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy**. Credit equivalencies can be found [here](#).
- **College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**. Credit equivalencies can be found [here](#).
- **International Baccalaureate (IB)**. Credit equivalencies can be found [here](#).
- Other external exams may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Other options available

- **Students with English as a second language:**
 - Students with high school or transferring from a university with instruction in a language other than English and have met the English Language requirements for admission to William Paterson (TOEFL or other approved exams) are considered to have met the World Language requirement.
 - **Starting in Fall 2025:** Students for whom English is a second language may choose to complete two transitional English language courses to enhance their English language skills. These courses earn college credit, are not considered to be remedial, and satisfy the World Language requirement.
- **Returning adult learners:**
 - Adult learners returning to formal education after a leave of 10 or more years may request review and consideration of their language history by the Dean of the College of Adult & Professional Studies to complete the requirement by course substitution or for possible exemption.
- **Students with Learning Accommodations:**
 - Students may be exempted from completing the World Language Requirement based on appropriate documentation approved by the Accessibility Resource Center.

Please, see the full policy here: <https://www.wpunj.edu/policies/docs/academic/degree-requirements.pdf>

Challenge exams

Challenge exams allow students to earn credit based on their language skills.

- These exams may earn a language requirement exemption, 3 or 6 institutional credits.
- The student will pay a \$150 fee to take the test.
- Language challenge exams available at WP:
 - Albanian
 - Korean
 - Hindi
 - Portuguese
 - Spanish
 - Turkish
- To apply to take a challenge exam go to: [Challenge Examination on WP Connect](#) and follow the instructions.

More information about the challenge exams can be found [here](#).

External language exams

For any other languages, students can take external exams that have approved equivalencies:

- The student is responsible for arranging and paying all the fees for the exam and proctoring (if applicable).
- The exam results will be sent to the Registrar's office.
- Once the results are received, no additional fees will be charged by WP.
- Approved exams:
 - BYU FLATS exam: <https://info.flats.byu.edu/>
 - NYU: <https://www.sps.nyu.edu/professional-pathways.html>
 - UPenn Language Proficiency test: <https://plc.sas.upenn.edu/students/language-proficiency-testing>

More information about the external language exams can be found [here](#).

Accepted language credentials

If you have any of the following credentials, you can receive language credit by submitting them to the admissions or the Registrar's offices.

- AP Exam: World Languages and Cultures (score 3 and above)
- Avant language exams: STAMP 4S, STAMP WS (excluding Chaldean) or Arabic Proficiency Test (score 3 and above)
- CLEP: Language (score 50 and above)
- CLEP: Spanish with Writing (score 70 and above)
- International Baccalaureate: Language Acquisition (score 4 and above)
- NJ Seal of Biliteracy

More information about the equivalencies of each credential can be found [here](#). Please note that some of the equivalencies will not satisfy the World Language requirement completely.

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