

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES
GUIDELINES FOR LANGUAGE PLACEMENT- 2021-2022
SUMMER ADVISING

ARABIC

Contact Shannon Dubenion-Smith (dubenis@wwu.edu) for advisement.

CHINESE

Chinese Advisor:

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STUDENTS WITH FEWER THAN 2 YEARS HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENT should enroll in CHIN 101. We only offer this beginning course in the fall.

STUDENTS WITH 2 TO 3 YEARS EQUIVALENT HIGH SCHOOL CHINESE are advised to enroll in CHIN 102 (winter quarter) or CHIN 103 (spring quarter) or CHIN 104 (spring quarter); HOWEVER, those who are not proficient in Chinese writing (approximately 200-250 characters) are advised to enroll in CHIN 101. We only offer CHIN 101 in the fall.

STUDENTS WITH MORE THAN 3 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL CHINESE are advised to enroll in CHIN 201, only offered in the fall. Since background and proficiency vary greatly, all students with more than three years of high school experience will be directed to the Chinese language advisor for placement.

Additionally, students who enter at the 300-level may request credits from the department for courses numbered 201, 202, and/or 203 upon successful completion of, e.g., 301 and 302 (requires a B- or better in both 301 and 302).

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring from community colleges or universities, who have been progressing in sequential course work in a foreign language, should have little difficulty determining the appropriate level at which they should resume their language study in Western's curriculum.

REGISTRATION OVERRIDES

The prerequisites for all Fall 2021 Chinese courses are enforced in Banner. For registration overrides, students should contact the faculty as follows:

Julian Wu (wus6@wwu.edu) for CHIN 201 and 425
Wenling Su (suw@wwu.edu) for CHIN 301
Shannon Dubenion-Smith (dubenis@wwu.edu) for CHIN 401

CLASSICAL STUDIES/LATIN/GREEK

Contact Shannon Dubenion-Smith (dubenis@wwu.edu) for advisement.

The prerequisites for Greek 201 and Latin 201 have been deactivated in Banner.

FRENCH

French Advisor:

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- There is no placement test in French.
- Students do not need an override in summer to enroll in FR 101, FR 201 or FR 301. The prerequisites for French 201 and 301 have been deactivated in Banner.
- If classes are full by the time of registration, students can add their name to the waitlist when available.

STUDENTS WITH FEWER THAN 2 YEARS HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENT

Should enroll in **FR 101**.

IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF FRENCH PLEASE DO NOT ENROLL IN 101 unless you have not taken French recently.

STUDENTS WITH 2 YEARS EQUIVALENT HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH

Advised to enroll in **FR 104**, only offered in the spring quarter. (If students are highly motivated and have done extremely well in high school study or have had some experience living in a French-speaking country, they may enroll in FR 201)

STUDENTS WITH 3 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH

Generally enroll in **FR 201**.

STUDENTS WITH 4 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH

- Generally enroll in **FR 201**.
- Students with **4 years of French**, who have done extremely well in high school study or have had some experience living in a French-speaking country, may enroll in FR 301 but should contact the instructor in charge of FR 301 for advice. If the instructor is unavailable, it is suggested that students register for either FR 201 (FR 201 fills up more rapidly) or FR 301.

STUDENTS WITH 4 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH and AP credits in French

- Students with 4 years of French who recently scored a 4 or 5 on the AP exam in French, can enroll in **FR 301**.
- With a score of 3 or lower, students should enroll in **FR 201**.

STUDENTS WITH 4 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH and IB credits in French

- Students with 4 years of French who recently scored a 7, 6 or 5 HL on the French B exam, can enroll in **FR 301**.
- With a score of 4 HL, or 7, 6 SL, students should enroll in **FR 202**. (Only offered in winter).
- With all other scores students are advised to enroll in **FR 201**.

STUDENTS WITH more than 4 YEARS OF FRENCH

Students with more than 4 years of French, who have done well in high school study or have had some experience living in a French-speaking country, generally enroll in **FR 301**.

- Additionally, students who enter at the 300-level may request credits from the department for courses numbered 201, 202, and/or 203 upon successful completion of FR 301 and another 300 level course (Requires a B or better in both FR 301 and the other FR 300).
- Students who feel their level of placement is inappropriate should seek help from the instructor or advisor early in the fall quarter.

Certain French language courses satisfy GUR requirements. See the *University Catalog* or the *Viking Advisor* for more details.

GERMAN

German Advisor:

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Students do not need an override in summer to register for classes. The prerequisites for German 201, 301, 401, and 432 have been deactivated in Banner.

STUDENTS WITH FEWER THAN 2 YEARS HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENT should enroll in 101.

STUDENTS WITH 2 YEARS EQUIVALENT HIGH SCHOOL GERMAN should speak with the German language advisor for appropriate placement.

STUDENTS WITH 3 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL GERMAN should generally enroll in 201, but exceptions are frequent. Any question about placement should be directed to the German language advisor.

STUDENTS WITH MORE THAN 3 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL GERMAN are encouraged to enroll in a course no lower than 201. Since background and proficiency vary greatly, all students with more than three years of high school experience will be directed to the German language advisor for placement.

Additionally, students who enter at the 300-level may request credit from the department for courses numbered 201, 202, and/or 203 upon successful completion of, e.g., 301 and 302 (requires a B or better in both 301 and 302).

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring from community colleges or universities, who have been progressing in sequential course work in a foreign language, should have little difficulty determining the appropriate level at which they should resume their language study in Western's curriculum.

JAPANESE

Japanese Advisor:

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- We determine your placement based on your score in our Japanese placement test. Any student who has taken Japanese prior to coming to Western as well as students who, without having taken formal Japanese classes, have experience with the language, either because Japanese is the language spoken at home or because they have lived in Japan, should take the exam. Those students who have no experience with Japanese do not need to take the exam and should enroll in JAPN 101.
- Students who wish to enroll in JAPN 201 or 301 (and do not already meet the established course pre-reqs) will take the placement test. Test dates are available on the Japanese Program webpage: <https://chss.wwu.edu/mcl/japanese>. It is important that you take the placement test at least **three days** before your scheduled orientation/registration day so that it can be processed and the appropriate registration override can be issued. All placement test related inquiries should be directed to Angela Brown, MCL Program Coordinator, at browna59@wwu.edu.

RUSSIAN

Contact Edward Vajda (edward.vajda@wwu.edu) for advisement.

SPANISH

- We determine your placement based on your score in our Spanish placement test. Any student who has taken Spanish prior to coming to Western as well as students who, without having taken formal Spanish classes, have experience with the language, either because Spanish is the language spoken at home, or because they have traveled or lived in Spanish-speaking countries should take the exam. Those students who have no experience with Spanish do not need to take the exam and should enroll in SPAN 101.
- Spanish placement test details and instructions are available at:
<https://chssdepts.wvu.edu/files/WWU%20Spanish%20Placement%20Test%202021.pdf>
(Note: results are immediately available)
- Transitions / Advising and Orientation Advisor
 - Sean Dwyer
dwyers2@wvu.edu
 - Confirms placement of incoming students (if needed)
- Summer Advisor
 - Joan Hoffman
joan.hoffman@wvu.edu
 - Advises students that graduate Fall 2021 and Winter 2022
 - Advises students above Span 301
 - Answers Study Abroad related questions

REGISTRATION OVERRIDES

The prerequisites for SPAN 201, 202, 203, and 301 have been deactivated in Banner. No overrides for these courses are needed. For registration overrides for courses above SPAN 301, please contact the instructor of record.

ALL LANGUAGES

EXPERIENCED SPEAKERS OF A LANGUAGE

First-year courses in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages are designed for students with minimal or no previous exposure to the target language. Students enrolling in second-year courses should have no more than foundational knowledge, equivalent to the first year. Students having previous experience with the language - such as attending a junior high school, high school, community or technical college, or university in which the language in question was the primary language of instruction - may be required to begin study at a more appropriate level, if available. The decision will be left to the discretion of the instructor and the Language department.

Certain foreign language courses satisfy GUR requirements; see the *University Catalog* or the *Viking Advisor* for more details.

**If a student feels the level of placement is inappropriate, help from the instructor should be sought early in the quarter. Every effort will be made to place a student in the appropriate level. Students with unusual cases (extended stays in a foreign country, bilingual background, etc.) should always seek the advice of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages in correct placement.*