

World Languages Center

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The primary goal of the World Languages Center is to offer a variety of language/culture classes and to ensure that students will be able to take at least two years of instruction (four semesters) in any language that it offers. The WLC also provides advanced classes (beyond the fourth semester) in most languages.

Placement Assessment

Students with prior experience in French or Spanish must take the online written placement exam if they wish to enroll in a French or Spanish language class. The link for this exam can be found on the WLC website. Students with prior experience in any other language must contact the WLC to make an appointment for a placement assessment interview. Results of a student's online placement or interview assessments are valid for one year only.

Any student with prior experience in a language who registers for a language course without taking the WLC online placement test or a WLC placement assessment will not receive a letter grade for the course.

Attendance in Language Classes

The development of competence in a language requires regular and structured interaction opportunities. Thus, the WLC takes attendance in language classes very seriously. Each missed class will have specific consequences, including a negative impact on a student's final grade. If students believe they have been placed into a class at the wrong level of instruction, they should contact the WLC immediately.

Auditing Language Classes

Auditing language classes is not permitted. Students who are not on the official roster of a class may not sit in on the class.

Immersion Language Classes

The WLC offers off-campus language immersion classes in a variety of languages during the summer 1 and summer 2 terms. Some of these courses may count toward fulfillment of the BA language requirement or a language minor, with the stipulation that a student receives a grade of C or better.

Study-Away/Abroad Classes

The WLC will authenticate credit-bearing language classes taken in study-away/abroad programs at accredited institutions in fulfillment of and as equivalent to WLC language classes numbered 1101, 1102, 2101, or 2102. Students must receive approval of language course equivalence from the WLC before embarking on a study-away/abroad program. Failure to do so may mean that the courses taken away/abroad will not be accepted in lieu of on-site Northeastern University language courses and thus may not satisfy the language requirement. Credit is granted only for successful completion of these courses.