



WORLD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT (Gen. Ed. F) for students who entered Wittenberg prior to 2021

1) Does the placement exam fulfill the gen. ed. F requirement?

The purpose of the language placement exam is to determine which level of world language study is best suited to a particular student's skill level. Placement exams are not designed to determine competency, and do not give credit nor satisfy the competency requirement. By completing a placement exam, students do not "test out" of the language requirement.

2) Who needs to take a placement exam?

All incoming students received a notice to complete a language placement exam when they were issued an e-mail account at Wittenberg. New students were instructed to access Moodle and take a world language placement exam in the language they studied in high school. Chinese, German, and Spanish placement exams are completed online and submitted electronically. Students who never studied Chinese, German, or Spanish, must confirm this by going to the placement exam website and selecting the link for "Placement exam for students who have never studied Chinese, German, or Spanish." Please note that, while students must test in the language studied in high school, they are not required to continue with that language study and are free to begin a new language. If a placement exam has been completed but the student wishes to begin a new language, the student will enroll in a new language at the 111 level.

3) Who does not need to take a placement exam?

All students need to take a placement exam. Students who never studied Chinese, German, or Spanish, must confirm this by going to the placement exam website and selecting the link for "Placement exam for students who have never studied Chinese, German, or Spanish."

4) Where do I take the placement exam?

Students may type the following in their web browser to take the appropriate placement exam:
placement.wittenberg.edu

5) How long does it take to receive my placement after taking the exam?

Placement exams are scored manually and may take 2 or 3 days depending on the time of year. Once the exam is scored, students can see their placement under "Test Scores" in Self Service.

6) Latin and ASL

Note that due to the definitions of the requirement, Latin and ASL do not satisfy the General Education World Language requirement (gen. ed. F) for graduation.

7) Does placement guarantee a class?

Placement exams do not guarantee students a space in a given class; Spanish classes close quickly, so students who get closed out should consider taking a different language.

8) What are my options for fulfilling the language requirement?

Students may satisfy the General Education World Language requirement (gen. ed. F) in the following ways:

- Complete a world language 112 or 200-level class taught in the language (depending on the language and placement) with a C- or higher;
- Pass the Competency Exam in a world language. Only students with a 200-level placement or higher should consider this option;
- A score of 4 or a 5 on an AP exam in the language.
- For holders of the IB diploma, a score of 4 or above for Language B HL
- Transfer of 12 credits or more of language credit OR transfer of an approved upper-level course (200 or 300-level equivalent) from a regionally-accredited institution

9) What if I studied a language not offered at Wittenberg?

A student who wishes to demonstrate competence in a language not taught at Wittenberg must consult with the Chair of Department of World Languages and Cultures and arrange to demonstrate competence by achieving a predetermined score on a standardized examination or through another means of evaluation acceptable to the Chair.