

Foreign Languages and Literatures

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Please refer to the Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish sections of this catalog.

Placement in language courses: Students who have previously studied a foreign language in secondary school, college, or elsewhere must take a placement test before enrolling in a course in the same foreign language at Whitman College. Each language area places students in the appropriate level of language study after considering the results of the placement examinations and the individual circumstances of the student. The Spanish placement test provides information on the appropriate course level in which students should register. The French and German tests first must be reviewed by the language faculty, who then will place students at the correct level and subsequently notify the Registrar's Office.

Students with no previous language experience are not required to take the placement examination.

Students who have already taken a foreign language course at the college level cannot repeat the same level course and receive both transfer and Whitman credit for it. Placement of students who wish to continue studying that language at Whitman will be based on placement test results. Repeat of equivalent coursework will result in Whitman credit with the forfeiture of equivalent transfer credit.

Note: Courses taken P-D-F prior to the declaration of a language major or minor will satisfy course and credit requirements for the major or minor. Courses taken P-D-F after the major or minor has been declared may not be used to satisfy course and credit requirements for the major or minor.

Distribution requirements:

Humanities:

All courses in foreign languages and literatures
All world literature courses taught by members
of the department of foreign languages and

literatures

Alternative Voices:

All courses in Chinese and Japanese
All courses in French, German, and Spanish above
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The same course cannot fulfill both the humanities and alternative voices distribution areas. With the exception of Chinese 491 and 492 and Japanese 391 and 392, courses designated Independent Study will not satisfy either the humanities or the alternative voices distribution requirements.

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Occasional offering of courses in foreign languages not regularly taught at Whitman. Distribution area: none.