Foreign Languages and Literatures

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Please refer to the Chinese, French, German Studies, Japanese, and Global Literatures 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 French and German Studies 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.

Distribution: Courses in Foreign Languages and Literatures and Global Literatures apply to the humanities or cultural pluralism areas, with the following exceptions:

No distribution: independent studies in Global Literatures or in languages other than Chinese and Japanese Cultural Pluralism only: Chinese 491, 492; Japanese 491, 492

101-104 Special Topics in Foreign Languages 1-4 credits
Occasional offering of courses in foreign languages not regularly taught at Whitman. Distribution area: none. Any current offerings follow.

181, 182 Independent Study Fall, Spring Staff 1-3 credits
Directed study at the beginning level of a language not regularly taught at Whitman. The proposed course of study must be approved by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Offerings will depend on the availability of instructional faculty. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

220-222 Special Topics in Foreign Languages 1-4 credits
Occasional offering of courses in foreign languages not regularly taught at Whitman. Prerequisites: consent of instructor. Distribution area: none. Any current offerings follow.

281, 282 Independent Study Fall, Spring Staff 1-3 credits
Directed study at the intermediate level of a language not regularly taught at Whitman. The proposed course of study must be approved by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Offerings will depend on the availability of instructional faculty. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.