

Language Advising Worksheet

Planning Your Transition to College: Modern Languages

Do I need to take a Language course? Students who plan on transferring to a Bachelor's degree program will likely have to take one or more Language courses¹. For example, Illinois State University requires Bachelor of Arts students to complete a third semester language course (201-level). Additionally, Bachelor of Science students from the College of Arts and Sciences must complete a second semester language course (102-level) if not taken in high school. Students can complete or begin their language course sequence at Heartland!

At Heartland Community College, SPAN 202 and JAPN 202 fulfill the Humanities requirement for Associate Degree students, and SPAN 100 earns students points toward radiography program admissions. Regardless of your career path, knowledge of a second language is attractive on any resume!



Do you have past experience with a second language?

- YES! → Is that experience documented (high school or college transcript, official language test such as AP, CLEP, or Seal of Biliteracy)?
- YES! Submit your transcript or test to advising for correct placement. See page 2 for specific information.
- NO! Contact the testing center to take the placement exam.
- NO! → Sign up for a 101-level course.

¹ Always research your transfer institution's degree requirements. Advice provided is for informational purposes only.

Are you ready to enroll?

Documented Language Experience



1. **CLEP:** If you earned a 50 on the Language exam, enroll in a 201-level course. If you earned a 65, you receive credit for 202-level, but are more than welcome to enroll in 201 or 202 levels.
2. **AP:** If you earned a 3 on the Language exam, enroll in a 201-level course. If you earned a 4 or 5, you receive credit for 202-level, but are more than welcome to enroll in 201 or 202 levels.
3. **Seal of Biliteracy:** If you were awarded a *Commendation toward Biliteracy*, enroll in a 201-level course. If you were awarded the *Seal of Biliteracy*, you receive credit for 202-level, but are more than welcome to enroll in 201 or 202 levels.
4. **High School Transcript(s):** If you have taken a language course in High School and earned a C or higher, you may be able to place into a higher course.

- I have 2 years of High School language experience (Level 2) = Enroll at level 102
- I have 3 years of High School language experience (Level 3) = Enroll at level 201
- I have 4 years of High School language experience (Level 4) = Enroll at level 201 or 202
- International students whose High School diploma is from a country where English is not the primary language may enroll at level 201 or 202 (i.e., a student who graduated from a High School in Spain may enroll in SPAN 201 or 202).

Students always have the option to take the Heartland Community College placement test if they wish to enroll in a higher course than what is stated above. Students may also enroll in a lower level course to brush up their skills.

Why Modern Languages?

The ability to use an additional language is among the top skills required across all professions. Whether you work in business, criminal justice, social work, health care, or a variety of other fields, employers are looking for professionals who can communicate in a language other than English. If you can speak two or more languages, you have a huge professional advantage. Additionally, proficiency in a second language opens opportunities for studying or working abroad.

Learning a new language exercises your brain; improves your memory and cognitive abilities; connects you to other cultures; and promotes tolerance, empathy, and acceptance of others.

For more information about Languages at Heartland, visit <https://www.heartland.edu/languages/index.html>.



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