

Foreign Language Requirement

For students entering Summer or Fall 2009

Students can fulfill the language requirement in high school, through transfer credit, or at Virginia Tech. The high school record is reviewed to determine whether or not students have fulfilled the language requirement before entering Virginia Tech.

-American Sign Language and Classical Languages (Latin, Ancient Greek) are accepted to fulfill VT's language requirement.

- A second-semester, language course taken at Virginia Tech (1106 or 1114) can fulfill the requirement. If such a course is used to fulfill the language requirement, the credit hours do not count toward the number of hours required for graduation.

- There are NO waivers for the VT foreign language requirement, except in the case of native speakers of a language other than English. International students whose native language is not English should fill out the form (fill.vt.edu, Forms for Students) and take it to the departmental office (331 Major Williams).

- The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures will work with students with documented learning disabilities that impinge specifically on language learning to find courses of sufficient international content for substitution. Refer to Services for Students with Disabilities office, 150 Henderson Hall, 231-3788.

Below is the current list of majors/departments requiring at least 3 years of the study of a single language in high school:

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Communication
English
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
International Studies
Music
Philosophy
Political Science
Sociology
Theatre Arts

College of Science

Biology
Chemistry
Economics
Geological Sciences
Mathematics
Physics
Psychology
Statistics

Other Majors: Students in majors that only require 2 years of language in high school must have successfully completed 2 years of study in a single language in high school, or take an 1106 or 1114 course (or the equivalent) at the college level.

2 + 2: Students who have completed two years of study in two or more foreign languages in high school may request permission of the Chair or Associate Chair of the Department to allow those years to substitute for the 3-year language requirement of some majors. The request will be granted, on a case by case basis, only if the student's professional or academic career will be enhanced by introduction to multiple languages rather than by deeper study of a single language.

CLEP: A student who has proficiency in a language may pass a CLEP test.