

## Foreign Language Requirement

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Students can fulfill the language requirement in high school 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 the accelerated Spanish 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 ([fil.vt.edu](http://fil.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 foreign / classical language in high school for their majors:

### College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Communication  
English  
Foreign Languages & Literatures  
-- Classical Studies (Ancient Greece & Rome),  
-- French, German, Spanish  
History  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
International Studies  
Music  
Philosophy  
Political Science  
Sociology  
Theater 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 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.

**Test:** A student who is fluent in a language not taught by the University may pass an examination to fulfill the language requirement. This option is restricted and does not carry credit towards graduation. Request must be made through the Departmental office, 331 Major Williams Hall. See [website](#) for available tests and procedures.