

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CORE REQUIREMENT

- Students should start their foreign language requirement **during their first year** (fall or spring). The vast majority of freshmen will be able to start during the fall semester, but not all. There will be plenty of space in the spring. “Normally, students will complete the core language requirement by the end of the sophomore year at Loyola.” (*Catalogue 2013-2014*)

- The requirement may be fulfilled in the following ways:
 1. by completing the second semester at the intermediate level (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish 104; FR 162 and IT 162 [6 creds: 162 = 103 + 104]).
 - a) Students have to take a placement test.
 - b) Pre-core courses: 101, 102, 103, 161 [6 creds: 161 = 101 + 102].
 2. by placing into and completing a 200-level language course.*
 3. by completing a one-semester foreign literature course taught in the foreign language.*
 4. in the case of a student whose first language is not English (native speakers), by proof that the student attended high school in which the foreign language was the language of instruction (heritage speakers need to take the foreign language requirement, either in their heritage language or in a different one; proficiency levels vary).**

- * Students who fulfill the language requirement by enrolling in and successfully completing an upper-level (200 and up) course in the language (option 2 or 3 above) will receive three credits for 104 retroactively upon completion of the upper-level course.
- ** “Placement is at the 300-level for native speakers who want to continue taking courses in their native language” (*Catalogue 2013-2014*).

- FR 161, GR 161, IT 161, SN 161 [6 creds: 161= 101 + 102]:
 - a) Open to students who wish to begin study in a second modern language or who place into 102.
 - b) **Required** for students who have completed **three years of high school**, who wish to continue language study in that language, and who place into 101 → If the specific language is not offered at the level of 161, then those students may take 101 (i.e. during the spring semester, when not all 161 are offered).

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