

Foreign Language Requirement at Asbury University

FAQs

What is the foreign language requirement at Asbury University?

All students must demonstrate proficiency through the third semester (our 201 level) of the same language in order to satisfy the requirements for graduation. The Department of Ancient and Modern Languages offers the following languages: Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Chinese, French, Latin, and Spanish. Upon the satisfactory completion of three semesters (101, 102, and 201) in one of those languages, you will have fulfilled Asbury's foreign language requirement. (**Students who are majoring in Education are exempt from the requirement. Some international students may also be exempt.*)

What is the Foreign Language Placement Exam?

To assist you in satisfying the foreign language requirement, a foreign language placement exam is given during Welcome Weekend. **The test is available in French, Latin, and Spanish, and will be given on Friday, August 13, at 9:00 am** (locations can be found on your Welcome Weekend Schedule, and your TAG Leaders will also help you find your way to the right room). **This will be the only opportunity for you to take the exam.**

Why do I need to take a language placement exam?

The purpose of the exam is to assist you in starting your language study at the level most advantageous and appropriate for you. The test is diagnostic only, costs nothing, and takes approximately one hour to complete. Your score is used solely to let you and your academic advisor know which course you should register for; it never appears on your permanent record. **If you studied French, Latin, or Spanish in high school, you should take the exam.** However, if you are absolutely certain that you want to start all over again with your study of French, Latin, or Spanish, or if you plan to study a different language, you do not need to take the exam.

An added benefit of taking the exam is that you may potentially save yourself and your parents a lot of money. By taking the language placement exam, you may be able to bypass one or more of the lower-level language courses and purchase the academic credit for those courses for only \$20 per credit hour. Depending on your placement, you could be eligible to buy up to 9 credit hours. To purchase the credit hours for the course(s) you tested out of, you must enroll in a higher level course in the language of your placement and earn a grade of 'C-' or better.

**If you are an Education major, you are not required to satisfy the foreign language requirement. Nevertheless, we strongly urge you to take the exam anyway, for it is not uncommon for students to change their majors. If you were to switch from being an Education major, then you would need to meet the foreign language proficiency requirement just as all other students. Having a placement exam score on file will be very beneficial to you, as it may help keep you on track to graduate in a timely fashion.*