

THE B.A. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

The requirement for the B.A. degree may be satisfied by placement above level 4, completion of level 4, or completion of the Special Language Option. The language placement test is given on line prior to freshman orientation and is also available on campus any semester. A grade of C- or better is required to move to the next level of a language.

Note: Not all Hofstra degrees have the same language requirement. Bachelor of Science requirements vary by major -see the Hofstra Bulletin on line (<http://bulletin.hofstra.edu>). The Bachelors of Business Administration does not have a language requirement (except in the case of the International Business major which requires one language through level 5).

CONTINUING A PREVIOUSLY STUDIED LANGUAGE

Requires completion through level 4 by one of the following methods:

- Place in level 1, 2, 3, or 4, take that level and continue through level 4.
- Place in level 5 or above, *may* have satisfied the language requirement but must take placement test in person @ Calkins Hall language lab. This may be done during orientation or upon arrival to campus. (Those placing in level 5 on line who wish to continue the language must also take the placement test in person.)
- Students who transfer credit from another college for a *Hofstra equivalent* may enroll in the next level of that language.* (See note below about college language courses taken at a high school.)
- Students who are fluent in a language other than English should take the placement test on campus to see if they can satisfy the requirement.

No credit hours are awarded for placement test.

SPECIAL LANGUAGE OPTION (SLO)

If you no longer wish to study a previously studied language, you may complete the Special Language Option. *No part of this option may be satisfied with a language previously studied.*

Part 1 (6 credits): Take **level 1 and level 2** of any new language

AND

Part 2 (6 credits): Take 6 credits from the following options:

- Level 3 and 4 of language in part 1(6 credits)
- Level 1 and 2 of a *second* language not previously studied (6 credits)
- 2 courses from the following (6 credits):
 - Level 1 of another language not previously studied (may take two classes of *two different* level 1 languages not previously studied)
 - Literature in Translation (LIT) (all works read and discussed in English) including: French Literature (FRLT), Spanish Literature (SPLT), Italian Literature (ITLT), Russian Literature (RLLT)
 - Linguistics (LING)
 - Comparative Literature (CLL)

* College level language courses taken in high school will not automatically satisfy a language requirement. Credit is initially given for liberal arts elective. Students should take the on campus placement test; credit will be converted from elective to the language level *preceding* the placement. (Example: Student takes Spanish 3 in their high school that is offered through Community College X. Initially receives 3 credits of liberal arts elective for Span 999. Takes placement test at Hofstra and places into Spanish 4 – the 3 credits are converted to Span 3.)

AP language scores **may** earn credit in a language – varies by language and score.

<u>Foreign Language Subjects and Course Abbreviations</u>	Examples of Special Language Option (this example assumes <i>French</i> was taken in high school and the student has no prior knowledge of Spanish):	
Arabic , ARAB Chinese (Mandarin), CHIN French, FREN German, GERM Greek, GRK Greek (modern), MGRK Hebrew (modern), HEBR Italian, ITAL Japanese, JPAN Latin, LAT Persian, PER Portuguese, PORT Punjabi, PUNJ Russian, RUS Spanish, SPAN Swahili, SWAH *American Sign Language, ASL, is offered, but may not be used to fulfill the Foreign Language Requirement or the Special Language Option.	<u>OK – Meets requirement</u> SPAN 1 and 2 CLL ITLT SPAN 1 and 2 SPAN 3 and 4 SPAN 1 and 2 Italian 1 and 2 SPAN 1 and 2 Italian 1 Russian 1 SPAN 1 and 2 Spanish 3 LING	<u>NOT OK – Does not meet requirement</u> SPAN 1 and 2 German 2 CLL (assumes previously knew German) SPAN 1 Russian 1 CLL LING (No level 2 of new language taken) SPAN 1 and 2 French 3 LIT (you took French in high school – you may not use it in the SLO)

FAQs

1. I received a D in my last language course (level 4, or the last level if doing the SLO) – does that meet the requirement?
Yes. C- or better is the prerequisite to take a subsequent class in that language.
2. Can I elect P/D+/D/F option for a course I'm taking for my language requirement?
No.
3. I studied language A in high school and took the placement test. Does this mean that I must continue to study language A?
No. You may still pursue the Special Language Option.
4. I studied language A in high school, took the placement test and placed into level 2. I successfully completed level 2 at Hofstra, but have decided not to continue Language A – I want to pursue the SLO. What happens to my level 2 credit?
Your credit will now count as elective liberal arts credit. You may not apply the language A credit to the Special Language Option.
5. I studied language A in high school, took the placement test and placed into level 3. I want to take level 2 instead, may I?
You will not receive credit for anything below the level you place into. You should register for level 3, and speak with your instructor during the first week of class. If the instructor assesses your level and feels you were placed incorrectly, they may make arrangements for you to take a lower level.