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2023 Foreign Language Testing for Freshmen

foreign language testing website: mcl.gmu.edu/foreignlanguage-testing

If you want to learn a language, you can take a language placement test (or a self-eval) in this lab, or wait and take it virtually from home. If you do not know your gmu email address yet, you can instead take the placement test virtually when you know it. Use the link given at top of this page, and once there, look in the yellow boxes for links. After completion of the placement test, you will be given the course level you should begin with and you can register for that course.

If you are pursuing a BS degree, you will not need foreign language to graduate, and will not need to be tested in a foreign language. The only exception would be if you decide to do a second major or minor that does require foreign language including a BA in Foreign Language, or minor in one of our languages and we hope you decide to do that!

If you are pursuing a BA degree, you will need intermediate knowledge of a foreign language to graduate-language knowledge of course content up to and including courses 202 or 212. Follow instructions in the first paragraph of this info sheet to begin preparations for this.

If you take the placement test and at completion, it says you place into the 202, 212, or 300 level, you may be able to waive your foreign language requirements by taking and passing another test- a *waiver* test. See the website given above for more info about waiver tests.

If you know a foreign language other than the ones we teach and test for, you can still apply for a language waiver. See our website given above for more info-on that site scroll down to find this info.