- Enroll and complete language courses at Mason or a community college (NVCC). Must complete and reach intermediate level. Documentation of completion must be provided. Note, undergraduate courses cannot count towards your graduate degree.
- Complete language courses through a separate language center. For example, this
 could be through Fairfax County Adult Community Education, a company like Berlitz,
 programs through embassies or cultural centers, an organization such as Alliance
 Française. Documentation of completion must be provided.
- Take language courses online such as Duolingo. Must complete and reach intermediate level. Documentation of completion or online exams need to be provided.
- Have a tutor who could document that you have made it through the intermediate level.
 Tutor needs to provide their name/bio and needs to certify that you have met enough hours to have reached the intermediate level.