

LANGUAGES AT JCU

INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

jcu.edu/academics/language

Core Language Requirement

Language study is a component of JCU's Core Curriculum. There are two main paths to fulfilling this requirement:

- Option 1:** Continue in a language you took in high school. Begin at level of placement and continue through 201.
 - Placement at 101 = take 101, followed by 102 and 201
 - Placement at 102 = take 102, then 201
 - Placement at 201 = take 201
 - Placement above 201 = ***See section on waivers below**
- Option 2:** Take 101 and 102 of any language that you have not taken before.

Language Placement Tests will be administered prior to your orientation (**in Canvas using a Lockdown Browser**) to determine your level of proficiency in a previously studied language. If you score above the 201 level, you are eligible to waive JCU's Core language requirement. However, you may wish to continue your language study to pursue a major or a minor! Adding a language program to your other academic interests opens many pathways to improved career outcomes.

As a transfer student, do I have to take the language placement test?

You do not need to take the placement test if...

- You have completed 45 or more college credits
- You are transferring in a language course at the 200 level or above
- You did not take French, German, Italian, Latin, or Spanish in high school
- You are an international student and lived 10 years in a country where the primary language is not English

All others should take the placement test in their previously studied language. When in doubt, take the placement exam! There's no harm in taking it, and you may save yourself hassles later.

If you have studied more than one language, take the placement test in the language in which you are most likely to enroll. If you want to schedule a placement test in a second language, please contact Dr. James Nemiroff, [jнемiroff@jcu.edu](mailto:jnemiroff@jcu.edu), to set that up.

I came in with 45+ credits and am on the abbreviated Core. Do I have to take a language?

No, you are exempt from the language requirement. If you want to continue in a language anyway, you should take the placement exam.

I have credits for language from my previous institution. Do I still need to fulfill the language requirement?

You are still subject to the language requirement, but your previous credit may apply toward it. Your transfer credit will be evaluated by JCU's Registrar to determine JCU equivalency. If it is at the 200 level or above, you have fulfilled the language requirement.

What if my score on the placement exam places me at a lower level than the credits I have already earned elsewhere?

Your previous college credits will outweigh your language placement exam. For example, if you already have college credit for Spanish 101 but you place into Spanish 101, we will honor your credits and allow you to enroll in Spanish 102.

I am a non-traditional student who has been out of school for many years. Will I still need to take a language?

No. You can petition to substitute two non-language courses from an approved list.

I have a language-learning disability. Will I still need to take a language?

Students approved by Student Accessibility Services for language substitution may fulfill the foreign language requirement by taking six hours of approved culture coursework (normally two courses) taught in English. Contact Student Accessibility Services for more information.

I am fluent in a language that is not taught at JCU. Can I waive the JCU language requirement?

If you have learned a language for which there is no placement exam at JCU, you can demonstrate proficiency by taking a nationally validated proficiency exam approved by the language department. You will need to demonstrate proficiency at or above the intermediate-mid level in at least two skills (oral proficiency as well as writing or reading) to qualify for a waiver of the language requirement. Please contact the Coordinator of the Center for Global Languages & Cultures, James Nemiroff, Ph.D., ([jнемiroff@jcu.edu](mailto:jnemiroff@jcu.edu)) if you wish to pursue this option. You will bear the cost of taking the exam. International students who are citizens of and who have lived for at least 10 years in another country whose primary language is not English are exempt from the language requirement.