

Foreign Language Placement Guidelines

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The table below is a rough guide for new students taking courses in the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department. Placement can vary, depending on the level of proficiency reached in high school (not just the number of classes taken). Placement and course availability vary from language to language. If needed, contact a specific language advisor to determine final placement. See note below about additional placement information for students taking Spanish.

<i>In high school, if you took....</i>	<i>At VT, you should start with...</i>
2 or fewer classes	1105 (Fall)
3 classes Grades 10-11-12 Grades 9-10-11	2105 (Fall) 1106 or 1114 (Spring)
4 classes Grades 9-10-11-12 Grades 8-9-10-11	3105 or 3106 2106 or 2105
5 classes or more	3106 or higher 3xxx class. See Foreign Languages and Literatures advisor.

** This guide does not take into account foreign language AP / IB credits. Students with such credits generally take the next sequential class after the one(s) for which they have AP/IB credit.*

** Additional self-help placement information for **SPANISH** classes, including course descriptions, is available at <http://liberalarts.vt.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/spanish-major.html>.*

Getting into a Full Class / Force-Ad Policy

If you are unable to add the class online, you should attend the class the first week of the semester. Each day, the professor will assess seats available versus seats requested. By the end of the first week of classes, students' schedules often shift around so that space opens up. If space becomes available, the professor will force add you and notify you. It is wise to continue attending the class and doing the assignments in the meantime, in case you are able to get into the class.

Nota bene for all languages:

1. Generally ,1105, 2105, and 3105 are offered only in the Fall. 1106, 2106, and 3106 are offered only in the Spring, although exceptions sometimes occur.
2. If you have foreign language AP and/or IB credits and you need help determining which class to take first at VT, please contact your specific language program. Also, AP foreign language credits and 3000 level IB credits are awarded as 'elective' credits. Students must see a Foreign Languages and Literatures advisor or the Associate Chair to request credit to match specific courses.
3. During the first week of the semester, students not attending the first and second class of a language class **will be dropped** from the course.