



Department of Modern and Classical Languages FAQs

1. What languages are offered at St. Thomas?

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages currently offers courses in American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, (Classical) Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latin, and Spanish. Majors and minors are available in [French](#), [German](#), [Classics](#), and [Spanish](#). We also offer a [dual degree program](#) combining German and Engineering.

2. Do I need to take a placement exam?

- **If you are bringing in college credit** for a language (e.g., through an AP exam, College in the Schools), you should not take the placement exam in that language.
- **If you are not bringing in college credit** but have studied a language for 2 years or more, you should take the online placement test through Murphy. If you have had fewer than 2 years of a language or are starting a new language, you do not need to take the placement exam, though you may if you choose to.
- **If you speak a language that is not offered at St. Thomas**, please read more about the [language waiver process](#).

3. What language and culture course should I register for?

- **If you are bringing in college credit** for a language (e.g., through an AP exam, College in the Schools), you should register for the next course in the sequence. More information on course sequences is available in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#).
- **If you take the placement exam**, you should register for the course you place into. Students are not permitted to register for higher or lower courses without permission.
- **If you have had fewer than 2 years of a language or are starting a new language**, you may register for the 111 level of that language and culture.

4. How can I fulfill the core requirement in Language and Culture?

The core requirement in Language and Culture is most commonly fulfilled by one of the following:

- Taking 111 and 112 in any language and culture (only for those with little to no experience).
- Completing a 211- or higher-level course (or equivalent) in any language and culture.
- Placing at the 212 level or higher on our confirmation exam, available to those who test into 212 or higher on the initial placement exam.
- Requesting and receiving a waiver by demonstrating proficiency in a language and culture not offered at St. Thomas.

For more information, please consult the [Department of Modern and Classical Languages website](#) or contact Dr. Dan Tight, Department Chair; tigh6470@stthomas.edu or (651) 962-5157.