

UMW recognizes the value of language learning and has made proficiency at the Intermediate level one of the General Education requirements. Additionally, learning an additional language enhances your major, it makes you stand out when looking for a job, and it promotes cultural and linguistic diversity. Please note that Latin and Greek are offered by the department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion.

1. Languages offered at UMW by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

	beginning	intermediate	advanced	advanced	Minor	Major
Arabic	101, 102	201, 202	300 level		Minor in Arabic Studies	Special Major
Chinese	101, 102	201, 202	300 level		Minor in Asian Studies	Special Major
French	101, 102	201, 202	300 level	400 level	French Minor Minor in Business French	French Major
German	101, 102	201, 202	300 level	400 level	German Minor Minor in Business German	German Major
Italian	101, 102	201, 202	300 level			Special Major
Japanese	101, 102	201, 202			Minor in Asian Studies	Special Major
Spanish	101, 102 (105)	201, 202	300 level	400 level	Spanish Minor Minor in Business Spanish	Spanish Major

NOTE: 105 is intensive beginning, it covers the contents in 101 and 102 and has 6 credits

2. UMW Language Placement tests for Modern Languages (AVANT): free of charge

The AVANT online test: can be taken at home. Contact Mrs. Jennifer Buist at jbuist@umw.edu for login information. Take the online test if you have some previous experience with the language and want to know what class best suits you. If you complete the recommended course with a B- or higher, we will award three (3) additional credits for the previous course for free.

The AVANT proctored test: can be taken on the first day of classes in **Combs 211**. Sign up in the Modern Languages and Literatures Department's [website](#).

Take the proctored test if you believe you have intermediate competence (or higher) in the language and want to "test out" of the language requirement.

Examples:

Case 1: you want to learn Italian, but have never studied it before. In such case, take Italian 101

Case 2: you had French classes some time ago, and are unsure about what level you should take. In such case, take the online AVANT placement test. That test will give you a score, and based on that score we recommend the classes in the table below. The MLLD faculty worked hard to establish these recommendations, and our many years of experience have evidenced its accuracy:

AVANT score		Take this class
2	→	102 (or 105)
3 or 3.5	→	201
4	→	202
4.5 or higher	→	300 level courses

Case 3: you score 3 in your AVANT test score for Spanish, so you enroll in the recommended course (201), and earn a B- (or higher) in the class. Then, visit the Modern Languages and Literatures Department's

website, print out the form called [Modern Languages Retroactive Credit form](#), and ask Dr. Marcel Rotter (chair) to sign it. After that, submit it to the Registrar's office. Now you have 3 additional credits of MDFL non-major credit (for the 102 class) towards your total credits needed to graduate.

Case 4. You score 4 on the online AVANT placement test and decide that you do not want to take language classes. In such case, take the **proctored** AVANT placement test. If you get a score of 4 or higher, you have satisfied the Gen Ed language requirement... there are other ways to satisfy the Gen Ed language requirement (see 3):

3. Other ways to satisfy the Gen Ed language requirement with modern languages

- a) Scoring 4 or higher in the [proctored AVANT placement test](#) (Combs 211, first day of classes in Fall and Spring)
- b) Having passed a level 4 language in high school
- c) Completing a 201 level (or higher) language course at UMW
- d) Providing evidence of intermediate proficiency through an SAT language score, IB exams, AP exams to the Registrar Office (registrar@umw.edu) or of a Sign Communication Proficiency Interview, [CLEP scores](#), as well as courses from [other higher education institutions](#) to Dr. Marcel Rotter mrotter@umw.edu.
- e) Having learned a language at home or abroad. In such case, take the [proctored AVANT placement test](#), a third-party test (languagetesting.com), or provide a high school (!) transcript to Dr. Marcel Rotter (mrotter@umw.edu).

4. To keep in mind

- a) We offer language summer courses on campus.
- b) We have study abroad programs for all our languages. For more information, visit [UMW Center for International Education](#).
- c) We have faculty led programs in Spain, France, and Austria
- d) [UMW Academic Services](#) provides free tutoring every semester
- e) Native speaker instructors provide [free tutoring and conversation hours](#) every semester

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