Foreign Language Requirements for the B.A. Degree
2015-2016 Catalog Year

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree must demonstrate competence in a foreign language equivalent to that attained in two years of college instruction. This requirement must be met by

Successful completion of one of the following sequences.

- American Sign Language: FLSL 101, FLSL 102, FLSL 201, FLSL 202
- Arabic: FLAR 103, FLAR 104
- Burmese: FLBU 103, FLBU 104
- Chinese: FLCH 101, FLCH 102, FLCH 201, FLCH 202
- French: FLFR 101, FLFR 102, FLFR 201, FLFR 202
- German: FLGE 101, FLGE 102, FLGE 201, FLGE 202
- Greek: FLCL 103, FLCL 104, FLCL 203, FLCL 204
- Indonesian: FLIN 103, FLIN 104
- Italian: FLIT 101, FLIT 102, FLIT 201, FLIT 202
- Japanese: FLJA 101, FLJA 102, FLJA 201, FLJA 202
- Khmer: FLKH 103, FLKH 104
- Korean: FLKN 103, FLKN 104
- Latin: FLCL 101, FLCL 102, FLCL 201, FLCL 202
- Polish: FLPL 101, FLPL 102, FLPL 201, FLPL 202
- Portuguese: FLPO 103, FLPO 104
- Russian: FLRU 101, FLRU 102, FLRU 201, FLRU 202
- Spanish: FLSP 101, FLSP 102, FLSP 201, and FLSP 202 or FLSP 215*
- Tagalog: FLTA 103, FLTA 104
- Thai: FLTH 103, FLTH 104

Successful completion of FLST 181 and FLST 182, in the same language.

Four years of one foreign language with no grade lower than C at an accredited high school.

Exemption (no credit awarded) by demonstrating competence equal to the work required in the last course in one of the sequences listed above on a four-skills test (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) administered through the NIU Office of Testing Services. Such examinations are available for languages taught by the faculty of the NIU Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. For American Sign Language, a skills test is administered by the School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders.

OR

registration as an international student at NIU, with a native language other than English.

Students with high school credit in French, German, or Spanish who wish to continue in that language must gain placement into the appropriate course in the desired sequence by taking the foreign language placement examination. On the basis of this examination, the student must begin the chosen language sequence in the course indicated by the placement examination, disregarding that course's prerequisites. For example, a student gaining placement into French 201 does not have to complete the courses FLFR 101 and FLFR 102. For placement in all other languages listed above, see the appropriate coordinator in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

For placement into an advanced course in American Sign Language, see the School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders.

*With consent of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, native speakers of Spanish may substitute FLSP 215 for any and all levels of FLSP 101 through FLSP 202, as well as for FLSP 211.