B.A. vs B.S. Degrees

- **B.A. (Bachelor of Art)** degrees provide a breadth of knowledge so the student gains the full span of knowledge of the subject. BA degrees require proficiency through level four of a foreign language.

- **B.S. (Bachelor of Science)** degrees provide depth of knowledge so the student explores and focuses on specific topics in the field. BS degrees do not require foreign language.
Does My Major Require Foreign Language?

BA degrees require foreign language
- African & African American Studies
- Anthropology
- Classical Studies (Multidisciplinary)
- English
- History
- International Studies (Multidisciplinary)
- Foreign Languages
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Religious Studies

BS degrees DO NOT require foreign language
- Applied Atmospheric Science
- Biochemistry
- Community & Regional Planning
- Criminal Justice
- Geology
- Geographic Information & Science Technology
- Physics

Your choice of BA/BS
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Neuroscience (Multidisciplinary)
- Political Science
- Security Studies (Multidisciplinary)
- Sociology
Students typically take the following sequence 1001, 1002, 2003, and 2004. However, students who take the placement test* can receive bypass credit without a grade, only upon successful completion of the course into which they place, as follows:

• Upon passing 1002, students receive bypass credit for 1001.
• Upon passing 2003, students receive bypass credit for 1001, 1002.

*Students may drop down one level if they feel their placement score is inaccurate

If you are continuing with a language in which you have prior experience, it is recommended to start your foreign language as soon as possible.
Why Should You Consider Foreign Language?

“The linguistic proficiency, cultural awareness, and critical thinking that come with study of foreign languages combine well with the needs of any profession. Employers know that an employee who speaks a second language and understands foreign cultures is more likely to help the company grow and change. Graduates with a second major in a foreign language are hired faster, at better pay, and have more rewarding careers.” www.ecu.edu/foreign