

# Foreign Language Requirements



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# 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*



# What Languages Are Offered?

## **ECU Offers the following languages:**

French (FREN)    German (GERM)    Ancient Greek (GRK)  
Japanese (JAPN)    Latin (LATN)    Russian (RUSS)  
\*Spanish (SPAN) (placement test is required for Spanish)

To take online placement test in Spanish, French, or German visit [www.ecu.edu/foreign](http://www.ecu.edu/foreign)  
*Look for test under the “resources” link. Instructions are on website*

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.
- Upon passing 2004, students receive bypass credit for 1001, 1002, 2003.
- Upon passing a course above level 2004, students receive bypass credit for 1001, 1002, 2003, 2004.

*\*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](http://www.ecu.edu/foreign)*

