

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AT SELECT WASHINGTON COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Please note: This information sheet is to be used as a guide only. Four-year schools may vary in their foreign language admission and graduation requirements. **It is very important for students to contact the transfer institution and department of their choice to verify all foreign language requirements and to discuss possible options (if any) for meeting or waiving those requirements.**

Remember: This sheet is only a guide!!

FOR RUNNING START STUDENTS:

In general, Running Start students are considered as freshmen applicants.

As freshmen applicants, you are required to have **two years of one language in high school** for admission to the university. Some colleges (especially private schools) may or may not require foreign language for freshmen admission—check with your school.

It is also a good idea to plan ahead and figure out if you need additional foreign language in order to *graduate* from your major at the four-year school. (Check with an advisor or refer to the attached sheet under “Graduation Requirement”—Be sure to check with your four-year school as well.)

Running Start students who continue at the community college after their high school graduation will generally apply as “transfer” students. Refer to the attached foreign language sheet for transfer students.

FOR STUDENTS FROM NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AT OR AFTER THE 8TH GRADE:

Students who belong in this category are usually exempt from the foreign language requirement. **However, students should always check with the Admissions Office to verify all admissions and graduation requirements.**

If you are applying to Seattle University:

You must meet the foreign language requirement unless you have "placed" out of a foreign language requirement at your high school. Your high school will have to provide that information to Seattle University's Admission office.

If you are applying to Pacific Lutheran University or Seattle Pacific University:

Students who demonstrate a fluency in a language other than English will be considered to have met all entrance and graduation requirements for Foreign Language upon proper documentation of bilingual status. Contact PLU or SPU Admissions Office for confirmation of what is considered proper documentation.

* There are a number of four-year schools that do not offer American Sign Language (ASL) classes or some languages offered at Highline Community College. It is highly recommended that students complete the entire sequence at Highline before transferring, if needed. It is also best to complete the whole sequence of a foreign language (121&122 & 123) at one school before transferring, if needed.

SCHOOL	ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE ACCEPTED AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE
Bastyr University	NO	NO	Not applicable
Central Washington University	NO for students who have 40 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language. (121& 122&123)	YES for all students seeking the Bachelor of <u>Arts</u> Degree: 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122&123). Students who transfer to CWU with a Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) and pursue a Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Arts in Education degrees do not have to meet the foreign language requirement for graduation. Students with DTA associate degrees pursuing a bachelor of arts degree would still need to satisfy the CWU foreign language requirement prior to graduation.	YES
City University	NO	NO	Not applicable
Cornish College of the Arts	NO	NO	Not applicable
Eastern Washington University	NO for transfer students who have 40 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122&123).	YES for students graduating with Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees: 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122&123). NO for Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (BAB), Bachelor of Arts in Education (BAE), Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Bachelor of Music (BMU) degrees.	YES
The Evergreen State College	NO for transfer students who have 40 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121 & 122) with a 2.0 or higher in each course.	NO	YES
Gonzaga University	NO for students with more than 45 transferable quarter credits.	YES for College of Arts & Sciences: one 3 semester credit course in foreign language/ foreign culture. Engineering, Education, Business & Nursing do NOT have a foreign language/culture requirement.	NO
Heritage University	NO	YES. Part of the General Education Requirements for graduation. One 5 credit course in language (121 level). Check with Heritage University for language requirement for designated majors.	Check with school

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Northwest University	NO	YES for some majors. Check with the school.	YES
Pacific Lutheran University	<p>YES. 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122&123). <i>with a C average or better.</i> Students are permitted to enter the university deficient in language, but they may not graduate without completing the language requirements. It is also highly suggested that those deficient in language complete the requirement as soon as possible upon matriculation. Language classes taken in Middle School or Junior High School can be used to satisfy the two years requirement from High School if <i>all</i> language classes are listed on the high school transcript. Also, bilingual students can use their fluency in a language other than English in place of college courses upon proof of bilingual ability.</p>	<p>YES for College of Arts & Sciences. Contact PLU for more detailed information about this graduation requirement.</p>	<p>YES (but only in satisfaction of the Entrance Requirement, not for satisfaction of the graduation requirement).</p>
Saint Martin's University	NO for transfer students.	<p>NO for students who have a direct transfer AA degree from a Washington community college.</p> <p>YES for students who do not have a Washington State AA degree or who plan to pursue majors at Saint Martin's that require a foreign language. Two years of a foreign language (with a grade of "B" or better") in high school may fulfill this general education requirement. Or take the 121 & 122 of one language at Highline Community College.</p> <p>Note: Foreign Language is not required for <i>Bachelor of Science</i> degrees at Saint Martin's University.</p>	NO

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Seattle Pacific University	NO	YES. 3 college quarters (121&122&123) or 3 years of high school of a single foreign language, with a minimum grade of C (2.0) in the final year of high school or a minimum grade of C (2.0) in the final college course. AA degree holders are exempt from the General University Requirements for foreign language, but some majors require it. Check with SPU for a list of majors.	YES
Seattle University	NO for students who have 45 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122).	YES. Only for majors within SU's College of Arts and Sciences: 1 year (3 quarters) college level requirement in a foreign language (121&122 &123). Foreign language is not required for Science and Engineering, Business or Nursing majors.	YES
University of Puget Sound	NO. Two or more years of high school foreign language is strongly recommended but not required.	YES. 1 year of college level work or the equivalent. Requirement may also be satisfied by: a 4 or 5 score on the AP exam; a 5, 6 or 7 score on the IB Higher Level exam; or passing a proficiency test at the University of Puget Sound. For other options to meet this requirement, contact Puget Sound directly.	YES, but it is not taught at the University of Puget Sound
University of Washington-Bothell	YES. 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122)	YES. 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122).	YES
University of Washington-Seattle	YES. 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121& 122)	YES for majors within the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education (Early Childhood and Family Studies), or the School of Social Work. Take the 123 level and be sure to achieve at least a 2.0 or higher <u>or</u> complete the third year high school level of a foreign language (<i>in effect beginning Autumn 2009</i>). For other options to fulfill the foreign language graduation requirement, contact the UW Seattle's Undergraduate Advising Office.	YES

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University of Washington-Tacoma	YES. 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122). You may be admitted to the UWT with a foreign language deficiency, but you must complete the 121 & 122 of one language before you are allowed to graduate from the university.	YES for the Global Studies concentration within the Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences degree. Contact the UWT for foreign language competency options.	YES
Walla Walla University	NO	YES for students seeking the Bachelor of <u>Arts</u> Degree. Check with the university to find out if you can use your high school foreign language to fulfill this requirement.	Check with the university
Washington State University-Pullman	NO for students who have 40 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122&123).	YES. For College of Liberal Arts, The College of Communication, College of Sciences, and International Business Majors: 2 years high school or 1 full year college of one foreign language (121&122&123). Note: <i>For the International Business Major:</i> The foreign language requirement can only be fulfilled using COLLEGE courses. (121&122&123) High School foreign language courses CANNOT be used to fulfill this requirement. For a list of majors within the College of Liberal Arts, College of Sciences, and College of Communication, please check out the WSU Web site.	YES
Washington State University-Vancouver	Same information as Washington State University-Pullman (see above)	Same information as Washington State University-Pullman (see above)	YES
Western Washington University	NO for students who have 45 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122).	NO	YES. ASL will transfer to WWU, but will not satisfy GURs (General University Requirements)

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Whitman College	NO	NO	YES, in most cases. Check with Whitman College for details.
Whitworth University	NO. Two years of high school foreign language is recommended but not required.	YES. Required for all majors: 3 quarters of foreign language (121&122&123) or 2 semesters of a language. Exception: Nursing majors	YES

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