

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AT SELECTED 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”)

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 (101, 102 & 103) at one school before transferring, if needed.

SCHOOL	ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	ASL ACCEPTED AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE
Antioch University	NO	NO	Not applicable
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 <u>or</u> 3 college quarters of one foreign language (101-103).	YES for all students seeking the Bachelor of <u>Arts</u> Degree: 2 years of one high school foreign language <u>or</u> 3 college quarters of one foreign language (101-103). 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 <u>or</u> 3 college quarters of one foreign language (101-103).	YES for students graduating with Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees: 2 years of one high school foreign language <u>or</u> 3 college quarters of one foreign language (101-103). 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 <u>or</u> 2 college quarters of one foreign language (101 & 102) with a 2.0 or higher.	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 or foreign culture.	YES
Heritage University	NO	YES. Part of the General Education requirements for graduation. One 5 credit course in language (101 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. For English majors: 3 college quarters (101-103).	YES
Pacific Lutheran University	YES. 2 years of one high school foreign language <u>or</u> 3 college quarters of one foreign language (101-103). <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.	YES for College of Arts & Sciences. Contact PLU for more detailed information about this graduation requirement.	YES (but only in satisfaction of the Entrance Requirement, not for satisfaction of the graduation requirement).
Saint Martin's University	NO for transfer students.	NO for students who have a direct transfer AA degree from a Washington community college or who plan to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree. YES for students who <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. enter Saint Martin's without a direct transfer AA 2. have taken two years of the same foreign language in high school and received a grade of B or better 3. are majoring in a degree that requires a foreign language 	NO
Seattle Pacific University	NO	YES. 3 college quarters (101-103) or 3 years of high school of a single foreign language. 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 <u>or</u> 2 college quarters of one foreign language (101-102).	YES. Only for College of Arts and Sciences: 1 year (3 quarters) college level requirement in a foreign language (101-103)	YES

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University of Puget Sound	NO. Two or more years of high school foreign language is recommended but not required.	YES. 1 year of college level work or the equivalent. The high scores on the AP exam or placements tests at the University of Puget Sound can be used to waive the requirement. For other options to meet this requirement, contact UPS directly.	YES, but it is not taught at the University of Puget Sound
University of Washington Seattle	YES. 2 years of one high school foreign language <u>or</u> 2 college quarters of one foreign language (101-102)	YES for majors within the College of Arts and Sciences and Social Work. For a list of majors within the College of Arts and Sciences, check out the UW Web site. Take the 103 level and be sure to achieve at least a 2.0 or higher.	YES
University of Washington, Bothell	YES. 2 years of one high school foreign language <u>or</u> 2 college quarters of one foreign language (101-102)	NO	YES
University of Washington, Tacoma	YES. 2 years of one high school foreign language <u>or</u> 2 college quarters of one foreign language (101-102). You may be admitted to the UWT with a foreign language deficiency, but you must complete the 101 & 102 of one language before you are allowed to graduate from the university.	YES for students who plan to graduate from the International Business option. Take the 103 level of a language: check with UWT Business department for relevant languages. For the Global Studies concentration within the Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences degree, contact the UWT for foreign language competency options.	YES
Walla Walla University	NO	Check with the university to find out if foreign language is required for graduation for your major	Check with the university

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Washington State University	NO for students who have 40 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language <u>or</u> 3 college quarters of one foreign language (101-103).	YES. For College of Liberal Arts and College of Sciences: 2 years high school or 1 full year college of one foreign language (101-103) For a list of majors within the College of Liberal Arts and College of Sciences, please check out the WSU Web site.	YES
Western Washington University	NO for students who have 40 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language <u>or</u> 2 college quarters of one foreign language (101-102).	NO	YES. ASL will transfer to WWU, but will not satisfy GURs (General University Requirements)
Whitman College	NO. Two years of high school foreign language is recommended but not required. Students are advised to check out Whitman's Web site for more information about admissions requirements.	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 (101-103) or 2 semesters of a language. Exception: Nursing majors	YES

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