

Modern Language Placement: A Guide for New Students

What majors require a Modern Language?

Within the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities (CAAH), *all* Bachelor of Arts (BA) majors require completion of a Modern Language as a graduation requirement, as well as all language-based degrees. So, if you are declared in one of the following majors, anticipate taking courses in a modern language during your time at Clemson:

- BA Architecture
- BA English
- BA History
- BA Language & International Business
- BS Language & International Health
- BA Modern Languages
- BA Performing Arts
- BA Pan African Studies
- BA Philosophy
- BA Religious Studies
- BA Women's Leadership
- BA World Cinema

What are my options for Modern Languages?

The Department of Language offers the following languages: American Sign Language, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian or Spanish.

I want to continue with the language I took in high school.

How should I proceed?

For students who have previously had courses or formal training in French, German, Russian or Spanish: Please take the [Modern Language Placement Test](#) (MLPT). This test ensures that you are placed in the best course for your skill level. Please take this test as soon as possible, as you will likely need to register at orientation and will require the score for enrollment in a language course.

For students of ASL, Chinese, Italian and Japanese, and for native speakers of all languages, please contact the professors listed below for assessment:

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What if I want to take a new language?

You are welcome to start in a new language. You should plan to register for the 1010 course for the new language.