

# LANGUAGES AT JCU - INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

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## Core Language Requirement

Language study is a central component of JCU's Core Curriculum. There are two main paths to fulfilling this requirement.

**Option 1:** Continue in a language you took in high school. Begin at level of placement and continue through 1030.

**Placement at 1010** = take 1010, followed by 1020 and 1030

**Placement at 1020** = take 1020, then 1030

**Placement at 1030** = take 1030

**Placement above 1030** = \*See section on waivers below

**Option 2:** Take 1010 and 1020 of any language that you have not taken before.

**Language Placement Tests are optional** for incoming transfer students. They are administered prior to orientation (**in Canvas using a Lockdown Browser**) to determine a student's proficiency level in a previously-studied language. Students who score above the 1030 level are eligible to waive JCU's Core language requirement.

Transfer students who do not take the placement test will receive a default placement into 1010 of any language taken in high school that is also offered at JCU.

Transfer students automatically do not need to take the placement test if...

- They have completed 45 or more college credits;
- They are transferring in a language course at the 1030 level or above;
- They did not take French, German, Italian, Latin, or Spanish in high school; or
- They are international students and lived 10 years in a country where the primary language is not English.

Students who do not meet these criteria but believe they may place above the 1010-level should take the placement exam to ensure proper placement.

Students who have learned more than one language and are interested in placement beyond 1010 should take a test in the language in which they are most likely to enroll. Students who wish to schedule a placement test in a second language should contact Dr. James Nemiroff ([jнемiroff@jcu.edu](mailto:jnemiroff@jcu.edu)) to schedule.

## Other Common Questions

**I came in with 45+ credits and am on the abbreviated Core.**

**Do I have to take a language?**

No, you are exempt from the language requirement. If you want to continue in a language anyway, you should take the placement exam.

**I have credits for language from my previous institution. Do I still need to fulfill the language requirement?**

You are still subject to the language requirement, but your previous credit may apply toward it. Your transfer credit will be evaluated by JCU's Registrar to determine JCU equivalency. If it is at the 1030 level or above, you have fulfilled the language requirement.

**What if my score on the placement test places me at a lower level than the credits I have already earned elsewhere?**

Your previous college credits will outweigh your language placement test. For example, if you already have college credit for Spanish 1010 but you place into Spanish 1010, we will honor your credits and allow you to enroll in Spanish 1020.

**I have a language-learning disability. Will I still need to take a language?**

Students approved by Student Accessibility Services for language substitution may fulfill the foreign language requirement by taking six hours of approved culture coursework (normally two courses) taught in English. Contact Student Accessibility Services for more information.

**I am fluent in a language that is not taught at JCU. Can I waive the JCU language requirement?**

If you have learned a language for which there is no placement exam at JCU, you can demonstrate proficiency by taking a nationally-validated proficiency test approved by the language department. You will need to demonstrate proficiency at or above the intermediate-mid level in at least two skills (oral proficiency as well as writing or reading) to waive the language requirement. If you wish to pursue this option, please contact the Coordinator, Center for Global Languages & Cultures, Dr. James Nemiroff ([jнемiroff@jcu.edu](mailto:jnemiroff@jcu.edu)). You will bear the cost of taking the exam. International students who are citizens of and who have lived for at least 10 years in another country whose primary language is not English are exempt from the language requirement.