

# FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT FOR INTS MAJORS

International Studies majors are required to satisfy a two-year foreign language proficiency requirement. This requirement may be satisfied in one of two ways: (1) if a student completes the intermediate sequence of courses in one foreign language at the University of Denver with a C- or better, or (2) if a student successfully tests-out of the intermediate level of a foreign language offered at DU, via the undergraduate placement exam (administered by the [Center for World Languages and Cultures](#)). Note: Letters of verification from language professors and/or coursework taken while abroad will not be accepted in lieu of placement exam results.

**This is not a credit bearing requirement. Any coursework taken to satisfy this requirement will be in addition to the 44 minimum credit hours required for the INTS major.**

The languages currently offered by the [Department of Languages and Literatures](#) at DU include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

Please note the following:

- Foreign languages that are not offered at the University of Denver may not be used to satisfy the INTS foreign language proficiency requirement.
- International students that speak English as a second language and have satisfied minimum TOFEL requirements may request a waiver of the foreign language requirement.
- The foreign language requirement for INTS *may* differ from general university, “common curriculum” requirements. To satisfy common curriculum requirements at the University of Denver, students must complete the first year sequence of a foreign language at DU. If a student successfully tests-out of the entire first year of language via the DU placement exam, however, they must still take the next language course in the sequence at DU in order to satisfy the common curriculum, “Proficiency Plus” requirement. Incoming INTS majors who successfully test-out of two years of a foreign language through the DU placement exam, will still be required to take one university-level course to meet the Proficiency Plus requirement. Students will know which upper level course to take as noted on their placement exam form. Questions regarding Common Curriculum requirements should be directed to the main [Office for Undergraduate Academic Advising](#).
- Testing out of the first or second year of foreign language, via the language placement exam, does not reduce the total number of 183 hours needed to graduate from DU with a Bachelor of Arts degree.
- Students without previous training in the foreign language they wish to study at DU are not required to take a placement test. Instead, these students should register for the beginning sequence of any language offered at DU. For planning purposes, students are reminded that most foreign language sequences generally begin in Fall Quarter.
- Students entering the University with previous language training will be required to take a placement exam prior to/during orientation in order to ascertain the appropriate level at which to continue language study at DU.
- Students who satisfy the entire two-year foreign language requirement via the placement exam must present the exam results to the [Associate Director of the BA Program](#) in order to verify and record that proficiency has been achieved.



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- Students that complete intermediate or advanced level language study while abroad, in order to satisfy the INTS requirement, must take the placement test upon returning to DU in order to verify their level of proficiency. Note: placement exams are available only for languages offered at DU.
- INTS majors that qualify for foreign language substitution through the Disability Service Program (DSP), must complete two years' worth of FOLA substitution. INTS will require a final memo from the DSP verifying completion.
- Foreign language placement exam results are accepted by INTS once each quarter during the fall, winter and spring. For a schedule of annual INTS deadlines, please contact the [Associate Director of the BA Program](#).