

Understanding The Language Requirement

Under the University's Core, students are required to take two consecutive semesters of a language.

The word *consecutive* above means that you must take the next course in the sequence, not that the two courses must be taken in consecutive semesters, one following the other directly. For instance, you may take Italian-111 in the fall semester of your freshmen year and then take Italian-112 in the spring semester of your sophomore year. This break of two semesters is not recommended, but it is ultimately your choice to determine when you will complete the requirement.

If you studied French/Italian/Spanish in high school:

If you have studied French, Italian, or Spanish before coming to Salve, you must take the Language Placement Exam.

Based on your placement, the level at which you begin completing your language requirement may impact the number of courses you need to take to complete the requirement (see table below).

If you receive a score high enough to place out of the language requirement, you must complete an interview with a representative of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages within the first week of classes to verify your placement. **You have not officially placed out of the language requirement until your placement is verified by this required oral interview.**

If you have had three or more years of French/Italian/Spanish in high school and/or junior high/middle school, your lowest possible language placement will be the 112 level. For example, if your placement score indicates SPA-111, but you've taken Spanish for four years before coming to Salve, you will automatically be given a placement of SPA-112.

If you choose to begin a new language you must take two semesters of that language.

If you studied another language in high school:

If you have studied a language other than French, Italian, or Spanish in high school (e.g. Latin, Chinese, German, Portuguese, etc.), you **do not** need to take the Language Placement Exam. You will be manually placed based on analysis of your high school transcript.

If you exceed the level of courses in that language that we offer here at Salve, which is often the case, you must take a new language that you have not studied previously.

Students who matriculated before Fall 2018:

Beginning Language Placement	Semesters needed to complete language requirement	Courses student must take
FRN/ITL/SPA-111	2	FRN/ITL/SPA -111 and 112
FRN/ITL/SPA -112	2	FRN/ITL/SPA -112 and 205
FRN/ITL/SPA -205	2	FRN/ITL/SPA -205 and 206
FRN/ITL/SPA -206	1	FRN/ITL/SPA -206
FRN/ITL/SPA -241	0	NONE—Placed out, pending interview

Students who matriculated Fall 2018 or later:

Beginning Language Placement	Semesters needed to complete language requirement	Courses student must take
FRN/ITL/SPA-111	2	FRN/ITL/SPA -111 and 112
FRN/ITL/SPA-112	2	FRN/ITL/SPA -112 and 205
FRN/ITL/SPA-205	2	FRN/ITL/SPA -205 and 206
FRN/ITL/SPA-206	2	FRN/ITL/SPA -206 and 241
FRN/ITL/SPA-241	2	FRN/ITL/SPA-241 and 242
FRN/ITL/SPA-242	1	FRN/ITL/SPA-242
FRN/ITL/SPA 300-level course	0	NONE—Placed out, pending interview

Placement Score Levels (for students matriculating Fall 2018 or later)

French:

Score from 0 – 164	FRN-111
Score from 165 – 258	FRN-112
Score from 259 – 336	FRN-205
Score from 337 – 443	FRN-206
Score from 444 – 550	FRN-241
Score from 551 – 659	FRN-242
Score greater than 659 (i.e., 660+)	Place out pending interview

Italian:

Score from 0 – 178	ITL-111
Score from 179 – 257	ITL-112
Score from 258 – 335	ITL-205
Score from 336 – 455	ITL-206
Score from 456 – 575	ITL-241
Score from 576 – 715	ITL-242
Score greater than 715 (i.e., 716+)	Place out pending interview

Spanish:

Score from 0 – 193	SPA-111
Score from 194 – 256	SPA-112
Score from 257 – 314	SPA-205
Score from 315 – 464	SPA-206
Score from 465 – 596	SPA-241
Score from 597 – 714	SPA-242
Score greater than 714 (i.e., 715+)	Place out pending interview