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Everything You Want to Know About
The Language Requirement
But Are Afraid to Ask

1. How can students meet the language requirement?
x One-semester language course in Ancient Greek, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Latin,
Japanese, Sanskrit, or Spanish
x Two semesters of the Self-Instructed Language Program (SILP) in American Sign Language,
Arabic, Hebrew, Korean, Portuguese, or Russian

2. Can a student enroll in any class they want?

MODERN LANGUAGES
x Students with prior knowledge of a modern language may not take a 101 class.
x Students who want to register for French or Spanish 101 must contact the instructor for
permission.
x Students who want to continue prior study of French, German, Italian, or Spanish must take the
online placement exam.
x Students who want to take Chinese or Japanese must contact the instructor for placement.
x Students who want to meet the language requirement through the SILP program should
contact the SILP coordinator (see below).
x Attention: Be aware language classes fill up quickly and students should NOT count on seats
being available if they put off the requirement.

ANCIENT LANGUAGES
x Students without prior knowledge of Ancient Greek or Latin may enroll in CG 110 or CL 110.
x Students with prior knowledge, regardless of level, should contact the coordinator (see below).

3. Where can I find the placement test?
x Go to https://www.skidmore.edu/wll/requirements.php.
x For Ancient Greek or Latin contact the coordinator (see below).

4. What if a student already has advanced proficiency in a language?
x Students with advanced proficiency in Ancient Greek, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Latin,
Japanese, or Spanish can meet the language requirement by taking an upper-level literature
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