

Second Language Requirement at Santa Clara University

-applies to all students except ENGINEERING students

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~ Information regarding the Proficiency Exam and the Placement Exam may be found on our website; follow the links on the left toolbar under "**Language Requirement**"

Languages taught at SCU: Asian Studies—Chinese, Japanese
European—French, German, Italian, Spanish
Near-Eastern—Arabic
Classics—Greek, Latin (through Department of Classics)
Religious Studies—Hebrew, Aramaic (through Department of Religious Studies)

How to fulfill the requirement:

Handled at time of admission to University

- 1) Score 4 or 5 on the **Advanced Placement Exam** (*Contact: Drahmman Center*)
- 2) Receive a "C" on the **International A Level Exam** (*Contact: Drahmman Center*)
- 3) Receive a 6 or 7 on the **International Baccalaureate** (*Contact: Drahmman Center*)
- 4) Submit TOEFL score to the *Office of the Registrar, Walsh Administration*
[The minimum acceptable TOEFL score is 213 (computer based), 550 (paper based), 79-80 (internet)]

After admission (Contact: Dept. of Modern Languages & Literatures):

- 5) **Proficiency exam** (Sign ups available beginning of each quarter—except summer); Contact Maria Bauluz, MBauluz@scu.edu with questions). Information available on Modern Languages website
- 6) **Course work** at SCU—the most common way to do it

Requirements by degree:

- 1) B.A. and B.S. (Social Sciences)—complete 3rd course of first year language, i.e. Elementary Language 3 (CHIN 3, FREN 3, etc...)
- 2) B.S. (Natural Sciences and Math)—complete 2nd course of first year language, i.e. Elementary Language 2 (CHIN 2, FREN 2, etc...)
- 3) Business—complete 2nd course of first year language, i.e. Elementary Language 2 (CHIN 2, FREN 2, etc...)
- 4) Be aware that students who *double major* are required to fulfill the language requirement for **BOTH** majors (i.e. a student earning a B.S. in Physics or Business, who has a double major in Philosophy) **MUST** complete the 3rd course of first year, i.e. Elementary Language 3.

NOTE: We encourage students to start at the level for which they are best prepared...the University language requirement is NOT about the number of courses, but the **LEVEL** of course completed. Please visit our website as read the Criteria for Self-Placement:

<http://www.scu.edu/cas/modernlanguages/languagerequirement/languagecriteria.cfm>

Placement Formula:

- 1) Want to study a language you didn't study in high school—start at Elementary Language 1
- 2) 2 years high school language—begin in Elementary 2
- 3) 3 years high school language—begin in Elementary 3 or Intermediate 1 depending on your preparation
- 4) 4 or more years of high school language—see Dept. of Modern Languages for advising.
- 5) Native or Heritage Speaker—see Dept. of Modern Languages for advising.

Confused as to what you think you REALLY know in French or Spanish? Take the **Placement Exam Online: SPANISH or FRENCH only**...please note that this exam tests only reading comprehension and **DOES NOT WAIVE OR SATISFY ANY** language requirements.

<http://cms.scu.edu/cas/modernlanguages/languagerequirement/PlacementExam.cfm>

Click on exam link and enter the following:

Password: broncos1

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