

# FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO SELECT WASHINGTON COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Please note: This information sheet is to be used as a guide only. Four-year schools may vary in their foreign language admission and graduation requirements. **It is important for students to contact their transfer institution to verify all foreign language requirements and to discuss possible options (if any) for meeting or waiving those requirements.**

**Remember: This sheet is only a guide!**

## **FOR RUNNING START STUDENTS:**

Running Start students generally apply as freshmen.

As freshmen applicants, you are generally required to have **two years of one language in high school** for admission to the university.

## **FOR STUDENTS FROM NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AT OR AFTER THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

In general, the foreign language requirement will be considered satisfied for students from non-English-speaking countries who entered the US educational system at the eighth grade or later.

**However, students should always double check with the Admissions Office to verify all admissions and graduation requirements. You may have to submit relevant documentation of bilingual status to the university's Admissions Office, if required to do so.**


### **Tip to consider:**

- Not all colleges offer American Sign Language (ASL) classes. It is highly recommended that students complete the entire sequence at Highline College before transferring, if needed. Check with your university's program if ASL is considered a foreign language for graduation purposes -if you need foreign language for graduation.

SCHOOL	ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	IS FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION FROM THE INSTITUTION?	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) ACCEPTED AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?
<b>Bastyr University</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Central Washington University</b>	<b>NO</b> for students who have 40 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language. (Highline College: 121& 122&123)	<b>YES</b> for all students seeking the Bachelor of Arts Degree: 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122&123).	<b>YES</b>
<b>City University</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Cornish College of the Arts</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Eastern Washington University</b>	<b>NO</b> for transfer students who have 40 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122&123).	<b>YES</b> for students graduating with Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees: 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122&123).  <b>NO</b> for Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (BAB), Bachelor of Arts in Education (BAE), Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Bachelor of Music degrees.	<b>YES</b>
<b>The Evergreen State College</b>	<b>NO</b> for transfer students who have 40 or more transferable quarter credits.  Students with less than 40 transferable college-level credits will be considered as freshman applicants and should reference Evergreen's <a href="#">freshman admissions requirements</a> for more information. Freshman applicants are required to have 2 years of foreign language in the same language. Freshman applicants who did not complete 2 years of foreign language in high school can use college-level foreign language to fulfil freshman admissions requirements. Students must pass college-level coursework with a minimum GPA of 1.0 to fulfil freshman admissions requirements and must pass with a minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher to receive potential transfer credit.	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>

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<b>Gonzaga University</b>	<b>NO</b> for transfer students. For applicants who apply as freshmen, Gonzaga requires 2-3 years of one foreign language. If you are fluent in another language, contact Gonzaga Admissions Office for details on fulfilling the foreign language admission requirements.	All students who major in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate competence in a second language. Non-native speakers of English who have completed the required English core credits at Gonzaga may petition the Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences for a waiver of this requirement. The languages regularly taught at Gonzaga are Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Japanese, and Spanish.  <i>Contact Gonzaga to check whether or not ASL is accepted as a foreign language for <b>graduation</b> purposes.</i>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Northwest</b>	NO for both freshmen and transfer	Contact the NW University directly to find out if there are any majors that require foreign language for graduation.	Not applicable for admission
<b>Pacific Lutheran University</b>	<b>YES.</b> 2 years of one high school foreign language with an average grade of C or higher or 3 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122&123). Students may still be offered admission deficient in language, but they will need to complete the deficiencies during their first year at PLU. Contact PLU's Admissions Office for other options to demonstrate equivalent proficiency.	<b>YES</b> for College of Arts & Sciences. Contact PLU for more detailed information about this graduation requirement.	<b>YES for admission</b> (not for fulfilling the graduation requirement).

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<p><b>Saint Martin's University</b></p>	<p><b>NO</b> for transfer students.</p>	<p><b>NO</b> for students who have a direct transfer AA degree from a Washington community college. An AA (Direct Transfer Agreement) fulfills the foreign language requirement.</p> <p><b>YES</b> for students who do not have a Washington State AA degree or who plan to pursue majors at Saint Martin's that require a foreign language.</p> <p>Note: Foreign Language is not required for <i>Bachelor of Science</i> degrees at Saint Martin's University.</p> <p>Note: If you are transferring to Saint Martin's University with an AS (Associate of Science) degree and are planning to major in the sciences or engineering, you do not need foreign language for graduation from these majors. However, students who transfer with an AS degree and then decide to major in the <i>social sciences</i>, for instance, will have to take a foreign language.</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>
<p><b>Seattle Pacific University</b></p>	<p><b>NO</b> for students who have 45 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language. (121&amp; 122&amp;123)</p>	<p><b>YES.</b> 3 college quarters (121&amp;122&amp;123) or 3 years of high school of a single foreign language, with a minimum grade of C (2.0) in the final year of high school or a minimum grade of C (2.0) in the final college course.</p> <p>AA degree holders (i.e.DTA) are exempt from the General University Requirements for foreign language, but some majors require it. Check with SPU for a list of majors.</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>
<p><b>Seattle University</b></p>	<p><b>NO</b> for students who have 45 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121&amp;122).</p>	<p><b>YES.</b> Only for majors within SU's College of Arts and Sciences: 1 year (3 quarters) college level requirement in a foreign language (121&amp; 122 &amp;123). Foreign language is not required for Science and Engineering, Business or Nursing majors.</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>
<p><b>University of Puget Sound</b></p>	<p><b>NO.</b> Two or more years of high school foreign language is strongly recommended but not required.</p>	<p><b>YES.</b> 1 year of college level work or the equivalent. Requirement may also be satisfied by: a 4 or 5 score on the AP exam; a 5, 6 or 7 score on the IB Higher Level exam; or passing a proficiency test at the University of Puget Sound. For other options to meet this requirement, contact Puget Sound directly.</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>

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<b>University of Washington-Bothell</b>	<b>YES.</b> 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121&122)	<b>YES.</b> Two years of the same world language	<b>YES</b>
<b>University of Washington-Seattle</b>	<b>YES.</b> 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121& 122)	<p><b>YES</b> for majors within the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education (Early Childhood and Family Studies) and the School of Social Work.</p> <p>Complete the 123 level and be sure to achieve at least a 2.0 or higher <u>or</u> complete the third year high school level of a foreign language.</p> <p>For other options to fulfill the foreign language graduation requirement, contact the UW Seattle's Undergraduate Advising Office.</p>	<b>YES</b>
<b>University of Washington-Tacoma</b>	<p><b>YES.</b> 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121&amp;122). You may be admitted to the UWT with a foreign language deficiency, but you must complete the 121 &amp; 122 of one language before you are allowed to graduate from the university.</p>	<b>YES</b> for the Global Studies concentration within the Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences degree. Contact the UWT for foreign language competency options.	<b>YES</b>
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<p><b>Washington State University</b></p>	<p><b>NO</b> for students who have 40 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 3 college quarters of one foreign language (121&amp;122&amp;123).</p>	<p><b>YES.</b> For majors within the College of Arts and Sciences.</p> <p><i>For International Business majors:</i> One year of foreign language <u>beyond</u> high school level is required except for non-native speakers of English from outside the US who may substitute satisfactory TOEFL scores. Bilingual Americans may substitute satisfactory ETS scores or certification by a WSU faculty member who is a native speaker of the target language. May be taken as part of study abroad. Check with WSU.</p> <p>Also, check with WSU to see if foreign language is required for graduation from OTHER WSU academic colleges, besides the College of Arts and Sciences.</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>
<p><b>Western Washington University</b></p>	<p><b>NO</b> for students who have 45 or more transferable quarter credits. Otherwise, 2 years of one high school foreign language or 2 college quarters of one foreign language (121&amp;122).</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>	<p><b>YES for admission</b> but not to satisfy GURs (General University Requirements)</p>

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