

CSU STUDENT GUIDE

Foreign Language Deficiency (FLD)

requirement for ALL students in the State of Ohio and at Cleveland State University and

Foreign Language Requirement (FLR)

additional requirement for students in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS)

This guide applies to all students who graduated from high school 1987 or later. If you graduated prior or are a BM in Music see your advisor for other options.

What did you do in high school?

All CSU students must do this to remove the State/University's **FLD** (Foreign Language Deficiency)

CLASS STUDENTS ONLY
You need to remove the University **FLD** (previous column).
IN ADDITION, you need to complete the College's **FLR** (Foreign Language Requirement)

0 years of foreign language in high school:

You need to take 2 semesters of a single foreign language at CSU (Ex: ARB 101 and ARB 102)

You're required to continue the language sequence and take 2 additional semesters of intermediate foreign language at CSU (Ex: ARB 201 and ARB 202). **Or** you may choose a new language and take 2 semesters of beginning language courses (Ex: JPN 101 and JPN 102)

1 year of a single foreign language in high school with passing grades (Ex: 1 year of French):

You need to take 1 or 2 semesters of the same foreign language depending on placement. The Placement Test is available in Chinese, French and Spanish (see Note below); your score may require you to take 2 semesters at CSU (Ex: FRN 101 and FRN 102) or you may place higher and only be required to take 1 semester at CSU (Ex: FRN 102). Students can start with 101, but we highly recommend taking the Placement Test. If the last language class was taken more than 3 years ago, you may start with 101.

You're required to continue the language sequence and take 2 additional semesters of intermediate foreign language at CSU (Ex: FRN 201 and FRN 202). **Or** you may choose a new language and take 2 semesters of beginning language courses (Ex: ITN 101 and ITN 102)

2 years of the same foreign language in high school with passing grades (Ex: 2 years of Spanish):

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You're required to continue the language sequence from high school and take 2 semesters of intermediate foreign language at CSU (Ex: SPN 201 and SPN 202). **Or** you may choose a new language and take 2 semesters of beginning language courses (Ex: CHN 101 and CHN 102)

3 or more years of the same foreign language in high school with passing grades (Ex: 3 years of French):

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- A minimum grade of C is required to continue in the foreign language sequence -

Note: The Placement Test is available in Chinese, French and Spanish at the Academic Services Center in Rhodes Tower West, Room 289 (call 216-687-2566 for their hours). For placement information in languages other than Chinese, French and Spanish, please contact the Department of Modern Languages at 216-687-4646.

*Even if your foreign language requirement has been met you should consider the benefits of further language study. By building on previous knowledge to maintain or improve language proficiency you can earn "retro credit" that may count toward a minor or a second major (some majors also require further language study such as International Relations, International Business, Art History, etc.). The Retroactive Foreign Language Policy is for students whose first college course in a foreign language is taken at CSU. If you receive a B- or better in the course, credit will be granted for previous courses. For example, if you had two years of Spanish in high school and take SPN 201 at CSU and receive a "B", you can apply for retro credit and receive a total of 12 credit hours. Contact the Department of Modern Languages for more information: 216-687-4646.