The primary goal of the World Languages Center (WLC) is to offer an expanding array of languages in a variety of instructional formats for Northeastern students and to ensure that students will be able to take at least two years of instruction (four semesters) in any language offered by the WLC and up to three years of instruction (six semesters) in many of the languages offered.

Placement Assessment
Students with prior experience in French, German, or Spanish must take the online written placement exam if they wish to enroll in a French, German, or Spanish language class. The link for this exam can be found on the WLC or the Languages, Literatures, and Cultures website. Students with prior experience in any other language must contact the WLC to make an appointment for a placement assessment interview. Results of a student's online placement or interview assessments are valid for one year only.

Any student with prior experience in a language who registers for a language course without taking the WLC online placement test or a WLC placement assessment will not receive a letter grade for the course.

Attendance in Language Classes
The development of competence in a language requires regular and structured interaction opportunities. Thus, the WLC takes attendance in language classes very seriously. Each missed class will have specific consequences, including a negative impact on a student's final grade. Classes missed as a result of registering late for a class will count as unexcused absences; if students believe they have been inappropriately placed in a language class, they should contact the WLC immediately.

Auditing Language Classes
Auditing language classes is not permitted. Students who are not on the official roster of a class may not sit in on the class.

Immersion Language Classes
The WLC offers off-campus language immersion classes in a variety of languages. These immersion classes are numbered 1301, 1302, 2301, 2302, 3301, and 3302 and are designed to be part of a faculty-led study trip. Typically, these classes are offered during summer 1 and summer 2 terms. These courses will count toward fulfillment of the BA language requirement, assuming a student receives a grade of C or better.

Study-Away/Abroad Classes
The WLC will authenticate credit-bearing language classes taken in study-away/abroad programs at accredited institutions in fulfillment of and as equivalent to WLC language classes numbered 1101, 1102, 2101, or 2102. Students must receive approval of language course equivalence from the WLC before embarking on a study-away/abroad program. Failure to do so may mean that the courses taken away/abroad will not be accepted in lieu of on-site Northeastern language courses and thus may not satisfy the language requirement. Credit is granted only for successful completion of the course.

BSIB Language Classes
The Bachelor of Science in International Business program is offered through the D’Amore-McKim School of Business. Because of the intensive expectations of the program (one semester in classes abroad, one semester international co-op), the WLC offers classes that are restricted to BSIB students only. These courses are numbered 1201, 1202, 2201, 2202, 3201, 3202, 4201, and 4202. Only BSIB majors may enroll in these BSIB-designated courses.