**UW-Whitewater, College of Letters and Science**

**Foreign Language Requirement for the Bachelor of Arts**

**Applies to students graduating from high school in 2012 or later\***

In order to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Letters and Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, students must demonstrate that they have achieved basic competency in a foreign language equivalent to one year of study at the college level.

**This requirement can be met either by passing a second semester (or higher) college-level foreign language course or by demonstrating the required level of proficiency through examination, as described below.**

**UW System Placement Test**

All students who have studied French, German or Spanish in high school are encouraged to take the UW System Placement Test at a Regional Testing Center so that they are prepared to continue studying these languages in college. The Testing Office at UW-Whitewater also administers the placement tests for admitted students.

A student who takes one of these tests and places into a third semester or higher foreign language course will be waived from the BA foreign language requirement. Students who place below the third semester level will still need to complete 1-2 semesters of foreign language coursework to meet the BA requirement, depending on their exact score.

For more information, please consult the following links:

* University of Wisconsin Placement Testing: [testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/regionaltesting.html](http://testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/regionaltesting.html)
* UW-Whitewater Testing Office: [www.uww.edu/testing/](http://www.uww.edu/testing/)

**Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Exams**

Students who have taken Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations in a foreign language will be waived from the BA foreign language requirement if they earn the following scores:

* Advanced Placement: 3 or better
* IB Higher Level: 4 or better

Students with lower scores on the AP or IB Higher Level exams, as well as students with only IB Standard Level scores, should take the UW System Placement Test for placement and proficiency evaluation.

**Other Options for Demonstrating Foreign Language Proficiency**

Native/heritage speakers of French, German or Spanish as well as students who have studied or experienced other world languages should contact the foreign language department for placement or evaluation of proficiency. For information, contact Dr. Peter Hoff, Foreign Language Coordinator at [hoffp@uww.edu](mailto:hoffp@uww.edu) or 262-472-1591.

**\*Special note: students who graduated from high school before 2012 may be waived from the foreign language requirement if they completed two years of the same language in high school. Complete the request form at** [**http://www.uww.edu/cls/students/forms/foreign-language-waiver**](http://www.uww.edu/cls/students/forms/foreign-language-waiver)