In accordance with the NIU Undergraduate Catalog, students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must demonstrate competence in a foreign language equivalent to that attained in two years (or four semesters) of college instruction. In other words, students must complete a foreign language sequence consisting of 101, 102, 201 and 202.

Foreign language assignments are by language and course number. If a student is placed between course numbers 101-202, the student is responsible for taking the course they are placed into as well as the sequential courses. For example, students scoring at the 102 level would be responsible for taking 102, 201 and 202 to fulfill the BA requirement. Students scoring at the 202 level would only be required to take 202 to fulfill this requirement.

If the assignment reads “300+” the student is deemed to have fulfilled the foreign language requirement for the BA degree. Students may, if they wish, take an appropriate course at the 300 level after consultation with a Foreign Language Department advisor. For example, students scoring at the 300+ level on the French Placement Exam are eligible to enroll in one or more of the following four courses: FLFR 301, 302, 311, 320. Those scoring at 300+ on the German Placement Exam may enroll in FLGE 301, 311, 321, 322. Students scoring at 300+ in Spanish may enroll in FLSP 301 or 320. Students should check with the appropriate departmental adviser for proper course selection.

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