

Additional Requirements for BA Students

In addition to fulfilling Northeastern University's NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/requirements/>), candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree must complete the BA core requirements, which include meeting specific language proficiency standards.

All BA students are required to demonstrate elementary-level language proficiency and must satisfy an intermediate-level language requirement as outlined below.

Elementary-Level Proficiency

To satisfy the language proficiency requirement, students must meet one of the following criteria:

1. COURSEWORK

Complete elementary-level language courses (course numbers 1101 and 1102) with grades of C– or better in all coursework. Satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades cannot be used to satisfy this proficiency requirement.

2. CREDIT BY EXAMINATION OR TRANSFER

- Obtain a score of 4 or 5 on an Advanced Placement language exam.
- Receive International Baccalaureate credit only for higher-level language courses with a grade of 5, 6, or 7.
- Earn transfer credit for the equivalent of elementary-level 2 (course number 1102) from another institution.

Students who have earned AP, IB, or transfer credit must also receive a satisfactory score in a language-specific interview conducted by the Department of World Languages and Cultures upon matriculation.

3. PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT

Receive a satisfactory score (as determined by WLAC) on a standardized placement assessment upon matriculation.

Intermediate-Level Requirement

To meet the intermediate-level requirement, students must achieve one of the following outcomes:

1. INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL LANGUAGE COURSE

Complete a course at the intermediate level (course number 2101 or higher) in the same language used to fulfill the elementary-level proficiency requirement.

2. APPROVED CULTURE COURSE

Complete a course focusing on some aspect of the culture, history, or society of the region where the language studied at the elementary level is spoken or widely used. See the list of approved culture courses in the Course Lists tab (p. 1).

3. PROFICIENCY

Demonstrate language proficiency by completing an interview scheduled through the Department of World Languages and Cultures. The proficiency interview option is available only to heritage speakers or students who have satisfied the elementary-level proficiency through one of the following:

- Advanced Placement exam
- International Baccalaureate exam
- Standardized placement assessment, as outlined above

Course Lists

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- Elementary-Level-Two Language Courses (p. 1)
- Intermediate-Level Language Courses (p. 2)
- Intermediate-Level Culture, History, or Society Courses (p. 3)

ELEMENTARY-LEVEL-TWO LANGUAGE COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
AMSL 1102	Elementary ASL 2	

Elementary-level-two courses have prerequisites. Click on the course number below for details.

ARAB 1102	Elementary Arabic 2
CHNS 1102	Elementary Chinese 2
FRNH 1102	Elementary French 2
GRMN 1102	Elementary German 2
HBRW 1102	Elementary Hebrew 2
ITLN 1102	Elementary Italian 2
JPNS 1102	Elementary Japanese 2
KORE 1102	Elementary Korean 2
PORT 1102	Elementary Portuguese 2
RSSN 1102	Elementary Russian 2

INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL LANGUAGE COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
Intermediate-level courses have prerequisites. Click the course number for details.		
American Sign Language		
AMSL 2101	Intermediate ASL 1	
AMSL 2102	Intermediate ASL 2	
AMSL 3101	Advanced ASL 1	
AMSL 3102	Advanced ASL 2	
Arabic		
ARAB 2101	Intermediate Arabic 1	
ARAB 2102	Intermediate Arabic 2	
ARAB 3101	Advanced Arabic 1	
Chinese		
CHNS 2101	Intermediate Chinese 1	
CHNS 2102	Intermediate Chinese 2	
CHNS 3101	Advanced Chinese 1	
CHNS 3102	Advanced Chinese 2	
French		
FRNH 2101	Intermediate French 1	
FRNH 2102	Intermediate French 2	
FRNH 3101	Advanced French 1	
FRNH 3102	Advanced French 2	
German		
GRMN 2101	Intermediate German 1	
GRMN 2102	Intermediate German 2	
GRMN 3101	Advanced German 1	
GRMN 3102	Advanced German 2	
Hebrew		
HBRW 2101	Intermediate Hebrew 1	
HBRW 2102	Intermediate Hebrew 2	
Italian		
ITLN 2101	Intermediate Italian 1	
ITLN 2102	Intermediate Italian 2	
ITLN 3101	Advanced Italian 1	
ITLN 3102	Advanced Italian 2	
Japanese		
JPNS 2101	Intermediate Japanese 1	
JPNS 2102	Intermediate Japanese 2	
JPNS 2301	Intermediate Japanese Immersion 1	
JPNS 2302	Intermediate Japanese Immersion 2	
JPNS 3101	Advanced Japanese 1	

JPNS 3102	Advanced Japanese 2
JPNS 3301	Advanced Japanese Immersion 1
JPNS 3302	Advanced Japanese Immersion 2
Portuguese	
PORT 2101	Intermediate Portuguese 1
PORT 2102	Intermediate Portuguese 2
PORT 3101	Advanced Portuguese 1
Russian	
RSSN 2101	Intermediate Russian 1
RSSN 2102	Intermediate Russian 2
RSSN 3101	Advanced Russian 1
RSSN 3102	Advanced Russian 2
Spanish	
SPNS 2101	Intermediate Spanish 1
SPNS 2102	Intermediate Spanish 2
SPNS 3101	Advanced Spanish 1
SPNS 3102	Advanced Spanish 2

INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL CULTURE, HISTORY, OR SOCIETY COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
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Intermediate-level culture, history, or society courses may have prerequisites. Click the course number for details.

American Sign Language		
DEAF 1500	Deaf People in Society	
DEAF 1550	Dynamics of the Deaf/Blind Community: Culture, History, and Communication	
DEAF 2500	Deaf History and Culture	
DEAF 2700	ASL Linguistics	
Arabic		
ARAB 1502	Introduction to Arab Culture	
HIST 1185	Introduction to Middle Eastern History	
HIST 1290	Modern Middle East	
PHIL 1280	Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates	
Chinese		
HIST 1500	Modern China	
HIST 2308	Law, Justice, and Society in Modern China	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	
French		
FRNH 1280	French Film and Culture	
FRNH 1501	Introduction to French Culture	
Hebrew		
HIST 1294	History of the Jews in the Modern World	
INTL 2100	Modern Israel	
JWSS 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture	
or PHIL 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture	
JWSS 1294	History of the Jews in the Modern World	
Italian		
ITLN 1251	Dante's "Inferno" and Medieval Italian Culture	
ITLN 1290	Realism and Modernism in Italian Film	
ITLN 1503	Introduction to Italian Culture	
Japanese		
HIST 1252	Japanese Literature and Culture	
HIST 2351	Modern Japan	
JPNS 1260	Japanese Film	

JPNS 1700	Introduction to Japanese Pop Culture
Korean	
KORE 1800	Introduction to Korean Pop Culture
Russian	
HIST 1286	History of the Soviet Union
HIST 1390	History of Espionage 2: Cold War Spies
Spanish	
ANTH 4500	Latin American Society and Development
CLTR 3805	Culture, Politics, and Media in Spain
HIST 1187	Introduction to Latin American History
LACS 1220	Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies
SPNS 1240	Latin American Film
SPNS 1504	Cultural History of Spain
SPNS 1505	Latin American Culture, History, and Politics
SPNS 3240	Social Justice in Latin American and Latinx Film
SPNS 3715	New Narratives: Latin America after 1989
SPNS 3720	Literature, Arts, and Poverty in Latin America
SPNS 4655	Latin American Literature