

Policy on World Language Requirement Accommodations

Department of World Languages and Cultures

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For students graduating with a B.A., B.M., B.S.W., or B.S.B.A. degree, the world language requirement is for 8 credits of a language, normally, as the General Catalog states, “Course number 102 in a world language in which the student has no more than one year of high school credit, or course number 203 in any world language.”

Students who have specific documented accommodations from the Access and Accommodations Resource Center *may fulfill the world language requirement by taking three courses, for a total of 9 credits, based on the categories below.*

Students may request that other courses be allowed to fulfill this requirement, but these requests must be approved by the Chair of World Languages and Cultures.

Rationale:

The world language requirement is based on immersion in a language other than English and exposure to cultures generally outside the United States. Since most courses at Valpo are taught in English, it is challenging to identify adequate substitutes. While the requirement is placed within the Cultural Diversity General Education requirement, one of the goals of world language classes is to lead students to knowledge about and reflection on how language itself functions. Very few courses outside WLC discuss and teach language in a sustained, disciplinary fashion, or lead students to this kind of reflection on language. For these reasons, we suggest the following accommodation.

I. WLC courses in translation: 6 credits

Choose two of the following courses:

ASIA 140	Introduction to Asian Culture
ASIA 290	Topics in Asian Studies
ASIA 390	Seminar in Asian Studies
CHIN 291	Topics in World Cinema
FREN/CVA 291	Topics in World Cinema
FREN 300	Topics in French and Francophone Cultures
GER/CVA 291	Topics in World Cinema
GER 300	Topics in German-Language Culture
SPAN/CVA 291	Topics in World Cinema
WLC 150	Global Perspectives (offered every fall)
WLC 290	Topics in World Languages and Cultures
WLC 320	Global Humanitarianism Examined

II. Cultural diversity courses outside WLC: 3 credits

Choose any 3-credit course that fulfills the Cultural Diversity requirement of General Education.