

**PLACEMENT GUIDE FOR COURSES  
IN MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES & LITERATURES**

**I. For students who do not have AP or IB scores on record at Virginia Tech:**

Language classes taken in high school	Enroll in this class at VT
0-1 yrs.	1105
2-3 yrs.	1106 or 1114*
3-4 yrs.	2105 or 2114**
4-5 yrs.	2106 or 3105
5 or more yrs.	3106 or 3304

\*1114 is available in Arabic, French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish.

\*\*2114 is only available in German and Russian.

**NOTE:** Use the chart above as a general guideline and if you have recently completed language coursework in high school. If more than a year has passed since your last language class and you have not been using the language, you should consider a class level that is lower than what the table recommends. Also, your actual performance in high-school classes impacts the suitability of the recommended course indicated in the table.

**II. For students who have AP exam credit on record at Virginia Tech:**

AP Language score	Credit available for that score	Enroll in this language class at VT
3	3 cr. of 2xxx	2106
4	3 cr. of 3xxx	3105 or 3106
5	6 cr. of 3xxx	Contact an advisor from respective language
<b>AP Literature score (Spanish Only)</b>	<b>For students entering VT summer 2018 and later see:</b> <a href="https://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/ap_ib_clep/AP-Credits-2018.pdf">https://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/ap_ib_clep/AP-Credits-2018.pdf</a>	
3 or 4	3 cr. of 2xxx	2106 or 3105
4 or 5	6 cr. 3xxx	Contact a language advisor

**NOTE:** All AP scores are received by Virginia Tech as elective credits. In order to have your AP credits converted to a specific course number, talk with your language advisor.

### **III. For students who have an IB diploma and IB scores on record at Virginia Tech:**

Read the following webpages for information on IB scores (Diploma program only) and credit at Virginia Tech (for entering VT summer 2019 and later):

Standard level:

[https://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar\\_vt\\_edu/documents/Updates/ap\\_ib\\_clep/IB-Standard-Credits-2019.pdf](https://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/ap_ib_clep/IB-Standard-Credits-2019.pdf)

Higher level:

[https://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar\\_vt\\_edu/documents/Updates/ap\\_ib\\_clep/IB-Higher-Credits-2019.pdf](https://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/ap_ib_clep/IB-Higher-Credits-2019.pdf)

Consult with a language advisor in order to determine initial course placement.

### **IV. For transfer students:**

Enroll in the next sequential course after the one for which you have received transfer credit. If you feel that you are not prepared for the next sequential course, you may re-take the class for which you have transfer credit, although doing so will result in loss of the transfer credit.

### **V. For native and heritage speakers:**

Generally, native speakers should begin their coursework with 3304. Heritage speakers (people who use the language at home at least some of the time and who completed most of their education in English) tend to start with 3105, 3106, or a literature class, depending on their experience with the language.

**Advisors:** Students who do not already have an assigned advisor in their chosen language should contact the program director of that language:

Arabic: Dr. Nadine Sinno (nadine7@vt.edu)

Chinese: Dr. Tingting Zhao (tzhao@vt.edu)

French: Dr. Richard Shryock (shryockr@vt.edu)

German: Dr. Steffi Hofer (hofer@vt.edu)

Italian: Dr. Melissa Coburn (mcoburn8@vt.edu)

Latin and Greek: Dr. Andrew Becker (abecker@vt.edu) Japanese:

Dr. Aarnes Gudmestad (agudmest@vt.edu)

Russian: Dr. Nyusya Milman-Miller (nmilman@vt.edu) Spanish:

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### **Placement in Spanish:**

For additional information regarding Spanish placement, see the Spanish major (<https://liberalarts.vt.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/spanish-major.html>) or Spanish minor (<https://liberalarts.vt.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/spanish-minor.html>) webpage.