Foreign-Language Requirements in Wisconsin Colleges and Universities

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Institution	Admission Requirement	Credit Given Through AP Exam	Departmental Examination for Credit or Placement	High School Courses Satisfying Requirements Without Examination	Graduation Requirement	
UW-Eau Claire (715) 836-5415	2 high school units of one FL	Yes	Yes—max of 16 retroactive credits	No	University-Wide Requirement: 2 semesters of FL or its equivalent OR 9 credits of Foreign Culture Courses OR a semester of Study Abroad experience OR a combination of coursework between FL and Foreign Culture courses	
UW-Green Bay (920) 465-2111	No, but can fulfill elective requirement	Yes	Yes—max of 17 retroactive credits	No	None Certain majors require language.	
UW-LaCrosse (608) 785-8939	No, but can fulfill elective requirement (average student at UW-L has had 3 years)	Yes	Yes—max of 16 retroactive credits	No	16 credits required for BA degree; Level 102 and above are used to satisfy one section of the general education requirements, but are not a mandatory choice	
UW-Madison (608) 262-3961	2 years of single language, 4 is typical	Yes	Yes—no maximum	No	BA—4 th level in one language or 3 rd level in one language AND 2 nd level in another language BS—3 rd level of a language	
UW-Milwaukee (414) 229-2222	No, but strongly recommended	Yes	Yes—max of 14 retroactive credits	No	Students must complete at least two college semesters of a single foreign language to graduate, and some programs require four or more semesters of foreign language study. Successful completion of at least two years of a single language at the high school level will help you satisfy the UWM foreign language requirement, and is therefore strongly recommended.	

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UW-Oshkosh (920) 424-3164	No, but can satisfy some of the 4 academic elective credits required	Yes	Yes—max of 14 retroactive credits	No	BA—proficient through 4 th semester
UW-Parkside (262) 595-2355	No, but can satisfy some of the 4 academic elective credits required	Yes	Yes—max of 16 retro credits	Yes	2 semesters* Can be exempt if 2 HS years completed with a C or better the final semester.
UW-Platteville (800) 362-5515	No, but can satisfy some of the 4 academic elective credits required	Yes	Yes—max of 16 retroactive credits	Yes	2 semesters* Can be exempt if 4 HS years completed with a C or better the final year
UW-River Falls (715) 425-3500	No, but can satisfy some of the 4 academic elective credits required	Yes	Yes—max of 14 retro credits	No	No
UW-Stevens Point (715) 346-2441	No, but 2-4 years recommended	Yes	Yes—max of 16 retro credits	No	BS—none, but is changing soon BA—2 semesters (8 credits)
UW-Stout (800) 447-8688	No, but can satisfy some of the 4 academic elective credits required	Yes	Yes	No	To earn a bachelor's degree, students must fulfill a global perspective requirement, by: Completing a program of university-approved work or study abroad, or Completing six credits of courses approved by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee as fulfilling the global perspective requirement.
UW-Superior (715) 394-8230	No, but can satisfy some of the 4 academic elective credits required	Yes	Yes—max of 12 retroactive credits	No	BA—14 credits in one or a combination of languages BS—none

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UW-Whitewater (262) 472-1440	No, but can satisfy some of the 4 academic elective credits required	Yes	Yes—max of 16 retroactive credits	Yes	BA—Letters and Sciences—2 semester or 2 years of HS Additional majors have requirements Not for Associate's Degree, but it depends on major and if/where transferring	
UW-Colleges: Two-Year Campuses (all 13) (800) 442-6459	No, but can satisfy some of the 4 academic elective credits required	Yes	Yes	No		
Alverno College (800) 933-3401	1 year recommended	Yes	Yes, but no retroactive credits given	No	None	
Beloit College (800) 9BELOIT	2 years recommended	Yes (scores of 4 or 5 only earn 8 credits)	No	No	Intercultural Literacy requirement of 4 credits Approximately 12 of the 50 majors offered require foreign language components	
Cardinal Stritch University (800) 347-8822, ext. 4040	No	Yes	Yes—max of 14 retro credits	No	2 semesters of same foreign language	
Carroll University (800) CARROLL	No*	Yes	Yes—max of 16 retro credits	No	No, but *Physical Therapy program requires 2 years of FL for direct admission	
Carthage College (800) 351-4058	Strongly recommends students complete a min. of 16 academic units in high school, including English, foreign language, science, mathematics, and social studies.	No	Yes—no max	No	College-wide: 1 year (2 semesters)	

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Concordia University- Wisconsin (888) 628-9472	Two units of the same foreign language recommended; additional units can be used to fulfill elective requirements	Yes	Yes—no max	No	University-wide: 1 semester	
Edgewood College (800) 444-4861 ext. 2294	No	Yes	No	Yes*	All students: *2 years of HS FL or 2 semesters at college level	
Lakeland College (800) 569-2166	2 years recommended	Yes	Yes—2 semester limit		4 semesters for certain majors	
Lawrence University (800) 227-0982	2 -4 years recommended	Yes—exempts student from language requirement for graduation	Yes	Yes—if took AP exam	Must achieve intermediate proficiency in a language (1-3 semesters of study depending on prior knowledge)	
Marian University (920) 923-7600	Foreign language is recommended for those who desire a strong preparation for college	Yes	Currently no. Hoping to in the fall of 2011.	No	BA requires 4 credits of FL And certain majors require more (i.e. Communications majors need 12 credits)	
Marquette University (800) 222-6544	2 years	Yes	Yes	Yes	College of Engineering, Health and Sciences, Nursing require 2 semesters Business Administration, Communication, Arts and Sciences and Education require 4 semesters	
Mount Mary College (800) 321-6265	1 year FL or Fine Arts	Yes	No test; placed by transcript Max of 16 retroactive credits	No	No No	

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Northland College (800) 753-1840	No, but encourage for priority admittance	Yes	Online Testing option via CLEP	No	No	
Ripon College (800) 947-4766	No, but can satisfy some of the 4 academic elective credits required and prefer to see it on transcripts	No (prefer to have students earn retroactive credits)	No— recommendation for placement based on transcripts—Max of 12 retro credits	No	College-wide Global and Cultural Studies requirement: Successful completion of 3 rd semester FL or Study Abroad or 2 courses in global studies course list	
St. Norbert College (800) 236-4878	2 years recommended	Yes	Yes	No	International Business/Affairs/Relations require a minor in a language Otherwise there is a Foreign Cultural Studies requirement for everyone	
Silver Lake College (800) 236-4SLC	1 unit foreign language or fine arts	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Viterbo University (800) VITERBO	No, but can satisfy some of the 4 academic elective credits required	Yes	Yes—max of 14 retro credits	No	BA requires 14 credits of same FL	
Wisconsin Lutheran College (414) 443-8811	3 years recommended	Yes	Yes	Yes—HS classes can satisfy the graduation requirement	BS requires 2 years of a FL BA requires 3 years of a FL	

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