Certain majors require foreign language as part of the student’s general education program. Students meet this requirement by completing, transferring in, or testing out of second semester college-level foreign language as one of their three Humanities general education requirements.

In keeping with the University of La Verne’s Mission Statement’s emphasis on community and diversity, the Department of Modern Languages expects all University of La Verne graduates who complete foreign language classes to demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English at the Low Intermediate Level, as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). This proficiency may be demonstrated by obtaining an appropriate score on the Foreign Language Placement Examination, or by successfully completing approved Foreign Language classes at La Verne or their equivalents (second semester, college level) at other institutions in order to satisfy the following outcomes:

1. Demonstrate the ability to express original thoughts in the target language, both oral and written, on a basic level, without relying on memorized material.
2. Demonstrate a minimal level of sociolinguistic competence in everyday social encounters within the target culture, including the ability to exchange information in “survival” situations.
3. Engage in intelligible, although imperfect, discourse with native speakers of the target culture.
4. Demonstrate the ability to comprehend simple written texts in the target language.
5. Possess knowledge and appreciation of, as well as sensitivity to, essential elements of the target culture and exercise this knowledge in linguistic and paralinguistic interactions with members of the target cultural community.

**Foreign Language Placement Testing**

- Currently, all students at La Verne have the option of taking the foreign language placement test.
- The tests offered are Spanish, French, and German.
- Students who wish to take another language test may take it through BYU, and more information about BYU tests can be found at: [http://flats.byu.edu/](http://flats.byu.edu/).
- Depending on their score on the test, students can place either into the first semester or the second semester of a language, or have the requirement waived entirely.
- An AP foreign language test of 3 or above exempts a student from taking the foreign language requirement.
- Regional campuses that wish to administer the foreign language placement test should contact the Learning Enhancement Center Director for test materials.