



The Dept. of Modern Languages offers **courses in various modalities**, both online and in-person. **For placement and course permissions, please reach us through Teams (Angélique Courbou) or at modlang@ksu.edu**. We recognize that a student may not be able to talk to a language advisor during enrollment, therefore in order to expedite placement and facilitate enrollment, we are providing **below a placement guide for all advisors across campus**. Students will be evaluated by their instructor within the first two weeks of class in the fall semester. Placement will be adjusted if necessary to ensure students are placed into the program at the level that matches their ability. For more information, please visit us 207 Eisenhower Hall, <https://www.k-state.edu/languages/>

High School Experience	College/Community College/Other Experience	Placement at K-State
NO language experience	NO language experience	Enroll directly in the 101 level of the language of their interest (EX: ARAB 101, CHINE 101, etc.)
1 year of previous study (within last 2 years) AND use of target language French, Spanish, German, Japanese, Chinese, Latin in the class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 semester (within last 2 years) AND use of target language in the class •Score of 50-58 on CLEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Enroll in 102 (level 2 language course). •If longer than 2 years, and/or use of English was predominant in the class => place into 101
2 years of previous study (within last 2 years) AND use of target language in the class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •2 semesters (within last 2 years) AND use of target language in the class •59+ on CLEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Enroll in 300 (level 3 language course). •If longer than 2 years, and/or use of English was predominant in the class => place into 102
3 years of previous study (within last 2 years) AND use of target language in the class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •3 semesters (within last 2 years) AND use of target language in the class •Score of 3 on AP Language or Silver Seal of Biliteracy, Score of 50-64 on CLEP Spanish with Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Enroll in 301 (level 4 language course). •If longer than 2 years, and/or use of English was predominant in the class => place into 300
4 years of previous study (within last 2 years) AND use of target language in the class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •4 semesters (within last 2 years) AND use of target language in the class) OR extended experience abroad •Score of 4 on AP Language or Gold Seal of Biliteracy, Score of 59+ on CLEP Spanish with Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Enroll in place into CHINE / CLSCS / FREN / GRMN / JAPAN 500-level course of choice or SPAN 410. •If longer than 2 years, and/or use of English was predominant in the class => place into 300, and/or would prefer an intermediate-level, one-semester review: 301
Heritage Learners: Language spoken at home		Place in SPAN 411 and Contact Dr. Laura Valentin Rivera (lvalentin@ksu.edu)

Note on Retroactive Credit: Students can capitalize on their previous language experience through retroactive credit. That is, if a student places into a third-semester course for example, enrolls, and completes the course with a grade of C or better, they may earn **retroactive credit** for a preceding course in the language sequence (i.e. second-semester language study). This represents an enormous savings, so it is of benefit to students to place into the program at the level that best matches their ability.

Chinese and Japanese Minors 18 hours, now beginning at level 2



Spanish, French, German

Path from Minor → Major → MA

300-level: **III=300, now 3 cr, MWF** & **IV= 301**
**III= 1st class in major/minor*

400-500-levels: Intermediate-level: culture, food, media & literature, translation & professional courses

600-700-levels: seminars on translation, art, film, interpretation, linguistics, bilingualism, literature & media
**students select topics based on interests & career goals*

Minor: 18 credits (6 classes)

- Levels III + IV (*can be retroactive credit!*)
- 4 intermediate topics



Major: 33 credits (11 classes, 3 at 600+)

- Levels III + IV (*can be retroactive credit!*)
- 6 intermediate topics
- 3 seminars

→ all 3 part of our 2-year **MA program**

The major is only 5 extra classes from the minor for students starting above level IV (free credit for level III & IV), even less time/classes overall - very common in French & Spanish & Heritage Learners

SPAN 411 (15449) - Heritage Speakers Spanish Composition & Grammar

(Do you speak Spanish at home? This course is for you)

Dr. Valentin Rivera. TuTh 2:30-3:45

This course is intended to help heritage speakers (individuals that have learnt the language given the early exposure to it at home and who have primarily completed their academic preparation in English while living in the US), to further their literacy skills in Spanish. This course promotes a) the awareness of the existence of different linguistic variations of the Spanish language, b) an appreciation of the very unique variation of Spanish developed in the US, while motivating students to aspire to developing a standard register. This course also reinforces grammatical features and assists students in acquiring a sophisticated and academic lexicon, as well as further developing skills to express their ideas in more complex and professional settings. Finally, this course explores the current socioeconomic and political situations of different Hispanic countries.

- *Designed for learners who have been exposed to Spanish from childhood in natural settings (e.g., home). Please contact Dr. Valentin-Rivera (ivalentin@ksu.edu) for placement questions*
- Counts as Literary/Rhetorical Arts, and Foreign Language requirements, *the Spanish Minor or Major*
- Upon completion, students may receive free retroactive credit for Spanish 4 thus have completed two courses toward the minor/major

FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS:

- **Kyoto, Japan:**
Earn 3 credits in Japanese Culture & Language, plus an optional 1-credit in Computer Science for Professionals. Visit Japanese tech, software, and gaming companies, while experiencing Japanese popular culture, history, and cuisine. Faculty leader, [Dr. Miki Loschky](#). Learn more and apply here.
- **Pamplona, Spain:**
Earn 6 credits in Spanish (2 courses) by studying at the Universidad de Navarra in Pamplona. Trip begins in Madrid (5 days) and includes day trips in Basque Country, Navarra, la Rioja, and Castilla León y Castilla la Mancha. Faculty leader, [Dr. Rebecca Bender](#). Learn more and apply here.
- **Playa del Carmen, Mexico:**
Earn 6 credits (2 courses) in Spanish while studying at International House in the beach city of Playa del Carmen. Faculty leader, [Dr. Laura Valentin-Rivera](#). Learn more and apply [here](#).

