In accordance with the NIU Undergraduate Catalog, students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must demonstrate competence in a foreign language equivalent to that attained in two years (or four semesters) of college instruction. In other words, students must complete a foreign language sequence consisting of 101, 102, 201 and 202.

Foreign language assignments are by language and course number. If a student is placed between course numbers 101-202, the student is responsible for taking the course they are placed into as well as the sequential courses. For example, students scoring at the 102 level would be responsible for taking 102, 201 and 202 to fulfill the BA requirement.

If the assignment reads “See Department” the student will have to contact the Department of World Languages and Cultures to make an appointment for an in-person assessment to determine official placement. To contact the appropriate departmental adviser for an appointment please email: askfl@niu.edu

Please note while you are taking the placement exam, it is strictly prohibited to use external aid of any kind.

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