

Foreign Language Agreement for Students Not Enrolling in Goucher Foreign Language Courses

All students (except native speakers*) will satisfy the FLC GCR by taking 10, 8 or 4 credits following one of four platforms. This agreement is designed for those students who intend to complete their language requirement outside of Goucher, or for native speakers*. Courses abroad for the languages offered at Goucher College will require prior approval of the language coordinator (i.e., Arabic, Chinese, French, or Spanish).

Information about language courses offered at neighboring institutions and about placement exams for those courses is available from the Chair of the Modern Languages Department and the Goucher website.

I, _____ (Class of _____), intend to complete my foreign language requirement by taking Non-Goucher courses or am a native speaker of a language other than English. Language of study: _____

Check the appropriate space below

- I intend to complete my foreign language requirement by taking Non-Goucher courses.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to complete a placement exam through the institution offering the courses (ordinarily before the start of the sophomore year).

Students should request that a copy of the exam and the placement results be provided in a timely manner to the Chair of the Modern Languages Department.

- Further, I understand that I must complete all intermediate level courses in that language, ordinarily at the same institution (to avoid complications of changes in curriculum). When starting at the introductory level, this is normally equivalent to 12 credit hours.
- Finally, I understand that the only way to ensure that credit from Non-Goucher courses will be transferred onto my Goucher transcript and that the courses will be accepted for the fulfillment of the Foreign Language Requirement is by submitting and having approved, either a Non-Goucher Course Approval Form or a Study Abroad Course Approval Form for each of the courses in question, prior to the time it is taken.

A grade of C or better must be earned in order for the credits to transfer. The Department has the option to require a placement test before the student takes any language course.

I am a native speaker of a foreign language. I understand that as a foreign national and/or native speaker and writer of a language other than English, I may be exempted from the FLC GCR after I provide evidence of my proficiency (i.e., a high school diploma from a school where English is not the primary language, and a note from a high school teacher or college faculty member from my home country attesting to my native-level proficiency in the language and culture).

Student's Signature _____

Modern Languages Department Chair's Signature _____

Date _____

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*A native speaker is a student who has completed high school education in another language and culture. It is important to distinguish between native and heritage speakers. Native speakers are typically international students and citizens of another nation, were born abroad, and their family often still resides abroad. Students should be directed to the MLLC or the HLx center directors if they believe they fall in this category.