

## F&M Language Studies Modification Process and Exceptions to the Language Studies Requirement (LSR)

Students who are seeking a modification to the LSR must complete the following steps in this order:

1. Schedule an appointment with Dr. Alison Hobbs in the Office of Student Accessibility Services ([ahobbs@fandm.edu](mailto:ahobbs@fandm.edu)).
2. Complete and submit a [petition](#) to the Committee on Academic Status (CAS). Have your academic advisor and house dean sign the CAS petition. CAS will approve or deny your petition for a modification.
3. If CAS approves your petition, then meet with your academic advisor. Together you will select a cluster of three classes **with an emphasis on the same culture** that will fulfill the requirements for your language modification. **One of these courses must be at the 200 level or above.** See below for suggested classes that meet the language modification requirements (the list is not exhaustive and all courses are subject to approval). Note that Judaic Studies and Middle Eastern Studies are not normally interchangeable.
  - Of the classes that count toward your foreign language modification, one may also count toward your Non-Western general education requirement.
  - Classes taken for a language modification cannot count toward any other general requirement at the College because they are meeting your language studies requirement. They may, however, count for a major or minor.
4. After completing all of these steps, submit a list of three proposed courses to Professor Kathrin Theumer ([ktheumer@fandm.edu](mailto:ktheumer@fandm.edu)), Department of Spanish, for approval. Once approved, Prof. Theumer will contact Sarah Esh, to finalize the process.

\* If a student takes a placement exam before receiving an exemption and places into 102, the student can count the 101 course ONLY if subsequent non-language courses continue the cultural emphasis/focus of the language in question. For example, if the student places out of SPA 101, this course will count towards the LSR modification if the focus remains on Spanish-speaking cultures. If the student decides on a different path for the LSR modification (e.g., Classical Studies), then SPA 101 will not count.

### Other Scenarios

International students who are native speakers of foreign languages may petition CAS for an exemption to the language requirement.

If a student has not applied as an international student but speaks a foreign language, that student is subject to the same rules as other students. If this language is taught at F&M, the student should take the placement test offered here. If the language is not taught at F&M, the student will normally contact BYU (<http://flats.byu.edu/flatsinfo.php>) or NYU (<http://www.scps.nyu.edu/academics/departments/foreign-languages/testing/exam-options-results.html>) to take an online proficiency test. The student is responsible for all fees associated with this test. Contact Professor Theumer ([ktheumer@fandm.edu](mailto:ktheumer@fandm.edu)) to make arrangements.

Courses that count toward the Language Studies Modification (\*course has prerequisite):

<p><b><u>Africana Studies</u></b></p> <p>GOV 326 African Politics*  ENG 256 or 257 African-American Literature  HIS 141 History of North and West Africa  HIS 142 History of East and Southern Africa  ANT 267 Peoples and Cultures of Africa*  ECO 281 Political Economy of Africa*</p>	<p><b><u>Asian Studies</u></b></p> <p>JPN 220 Intro to Modern Japanese Literature  JPN 221 Intro to Japanese Popular Culture  RST 337 Hindu Literature and Practice  RST 367 Self, Society, and Nature in Chinese and Japanese Religions  HIS 151 Premodern East Asian History  HIS 152 Modern East Asian History  ART 105 Introduction to Asian Art  GOV 324 East Asian Politics</p>
<p><b><u>Classical Studies</u></b></p> <p>CLS 113 History of Ancient Greece  CLS 114 History of Ancient Rome  CLS 115 Greek Art and Archaeology  CLS 117 Roman Art and Archaeology  CLS 230 Classical Mythology  CLS 242 Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity  CLS 27X Topics in Classics  *see Catalog for additional topics courses at the 200 level</p>	<p><b><u>Latin American Studies</u></b></p> <p>HIS 131 History of Colonial Latin America  HIS 132 Latin America and Its People  GOV 120 Comparative Politics  GOV 327 Latin American Politics</p>
<p><b><u>Italian</u></b></p> <p>ART 231 Art and Architecture of the Italian Renaissance  *see Catalog for additional courses on Italy, History, English, History, Italian, and Music.</p>	<p><b><u>Judaic Studies</u></b></p> <p>HIS 153 Premodern Jewish History  HIS 154 Jews in the Modern World  HIS 257 Jewish Culture in Eastern Europe  HIS 258 Cinema and the American Jewish Experience</p>
<p><b><u>Middle Eastern Studies</u></b></p> <p>HIS 127 Islamic World to 1800  HIS 128 Making of the Modern Middle East  ARB 218 - Narrative Journeys (in English)  RST 114 Islam  RST 370 Islamic Law and Ethics</p>	<p><b><u>Russian Studies</u></b></p> <p>RUS 214 The Russian Novel from Pushkin to Tolstoy  RUS 217 Russia: The 20th Century in Print and Film  HIS 125 Imperial Russian History  HIS 126 Russia in Revolution</p>