Rollins

GLOBAL LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETENCY
("F" Competency or FCMP)

The Foreign Language Competency requirement supports the Rollins College's mission to educate students for global citizenship and responsible leadership.

Ways to Fulfill the Foreign Language "F" Competency

Note 1: *NO student is waived out of this requirement.*

1. **Successfully complete a course at the 200-level or above** in the languages taught in the Modern Languages Department or Classical Studies Program, which are: **Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Japanese, Latin, and Spanish.** While students may pass the class with a grade below C-, they must earn a C- or above to fulfill their "F" competency requirement. Students will either start the language sequence at the elementary level (101, 102) or be placed in a higher-level to start based on the Language Placement Policy (see below).

Note 2: *Students are forewarned that Rollins College does not guarantee Greek, Hebrew, or Japanese will be offered every semester or year. Students who begin instruction in these languages at the 100-level might not be able to fulfill their "F" competency requirement at Rollins College. Students may not petition to receive compensation for failing to graduate in four years under the "Finish in Four" program if they choose one of these languages and are unable to complete the sequence in a timely fashion.*

2. **Successfully complete a course at the 200-level or above** in languages taught at a regionally-accredited institution of higher learning.

Example: A student completes a 200-level course in French or Portuguese at the University of Florida and transfers those credits to Rollins.

3. **Native speakers or heritage speakers** of any language **other than English** who have NOT taken the TOEFL or CBT before entering Rollins can complete an adequate 200-level course (a one-semester course designed for heritage speakers) or complete **ONE course** in international culture at any level.

Example: A native speaker of Farsi (no TOEFL) can take one internationally-focused culture course (such as LAC 200: Foundations of Latin American Culture and Society).

Note 3: *In order to determine which students possess the level of linguistic proficiency of a native speaker in the languages regularly taught at Rollins College (**Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Latin, and Spanish)**, students shall consult the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.*

4. Students with a **documented learning disability** in foreign language study who have registered with the Office of Accessibility Services may qualify for an accommodation: taking two international culture courses in lieu of language study. See the Office of Accessibility Services for more details.

5. Online courses from a regionally-accredited institution of higher learning may be accepted; however, the Department reserves the right to examine each request individually to ensure the online course meets the Department's learning standards and expectations and provides the same level and quality of language instruction as an face-to-face class.

Foreign Language Placement Policy

Placement Exams for Chinese, French, German, and Spanish. Online WebCape placement tests are available for Chinese, French, German, and Spanish. WebCape is an online placement assessment tool designed to help students register for the appropriate level of language education. No WebCape score, no matter how high, exempts any student from the outlined ways to meet or be exempted from the "F" competency requirement. This exam can be taken at any time. More information available on the department´s website.

Arabic. All students who have not previously taken Arabic classes at Rollins but who have some prior knowledge of Arabic must take a placement test. The test includes listening, reading, writing, and an oral interview with the test proctor. The test is given during the week before classes begin. For more information about the Arabic placement assessment test, please contact the Department Chair.

Greek and Latin. Students with prior knowledge of Greek or Latin should contact the Classical Studies Program in order to take a placement exam or be placed at an appropriate level for Greek or Latin.

Hebrew and Japanese. Students with prior knowledge of Hebrew or Japanese should contact the Department Chair.

Foreign Language Exemption Policy

Only students who meet one or more of the following criteria can be exempted from the Foreign Language Competency upon admission to Rollins College:

1. International students who have been admitted to the College based on their TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score.

2. Students who have been admitted to the College based on an overall band score of 6.5 or higher on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). This test cannot be taken after admission to serve as a means of exemption.

3. Students who transfer to Rollins with an AA degree from a regionally-accredited community college or state college.

4. Students who have scored a 4 or 5 on the AP exam in a modern foreign language, or a 5 on the AP exam in an ancient language.

5. Students who have scored a 6 or 7 on the IB exam in a modern foreign language.

Note 4*: Any additional language requirements in a student's major beyond the "F" competency <u>may or may not</u> be fulfilled by the above exemption criteria. Students must consult with their academic advisors or their major departments to ensure that they are fulfilling all major requirements related to language study in their particular majors.*