**Catholic University**

**1.What languages does Catholic University offer? As a major? As a minor?**  
We offer majors and minors in:  
- French  
- German  
- Italian Studies  
- Spanish  
- Spanish for International Service  
  
Additionally, we teach Mandarin Chinese and Modern Standard Arabic. Both languages can be taken to fulfill the language requirement (see below).  
  
In addition to the majors and minors listed above, we also offer an Interdisciplinary Minor with a Focus in Asian Studies; a Minor and also a Certificate in Islamic World Studies; and a Certificate in European Studies. All three combine language learning with interdisciplinary course work across the disciplines (Politics, Art, History, Theology and Religious Studies, Anthropology, Philosophy, International Business and Economics, and Modern Languages and Literatures  
  
**2. Is there a language requirement for graduation?**  
There is a language requirement in our two largest schools on campus: the School of Arts and Sciences with 37 majors, and the School of Business and Economics. The requirement is proficency at the intermediate level (104). Many students take four semesters of language courses to meet this requirement. The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers an online placement test for all incoming students to determine the best course level.  
  
**3. If a language is not required what % of the student body takes a language? Approximately how many semesters?**  
We have more than 1000 students enrolled in our lanugage and culture courses every semester. That is more than one fourth of the entire undergraduate student body. There are about 3500 undergraduate students at CUA each year. We have many students who minor in a language and also quite a few who combine a major in a different field with a second major in one of our language and culture programs.  
  
**4. Does Catholic University have a study abroad program? What countries? Are there programs offered for non-language majors?**  
We have very extensive education abroad offerings. They are open to students in all disciplines regardless of whether or not they major in a language. A detailed list of all programs can be found here: cge.cua.edu.  
  
**5. If one of our students has questions about the language program at CU should he/she contact the language department or the admissions office?**  
The students are welcome to contact us in the department directly. It would be best to contact the main office at 202-319-5240 or Mr. Brush at brush@cua.edu and Ms. Argueta at arguetaf.cua.edu. They will be able to direct the student's question to the appropriate faculty member.  
  
Please let me know if I can assist you or your students in any way! I would encourage everyone to check out our website as well: modernlanguages.cua.edu.  
  
All the best,  
  
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**Languages offered:**Catholic University similarly places an emphasis on language studies and offers programs in Arabic, Mandarin, French, German, Irish, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and foreign language for service, healthcare, and secondary education. The Department of Modern Languages also now offers a certificate program in European studies and Islamic world studies. Here is their website for your reference: [http://modernlanguages.cua.edu/](https://email.methacton.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=605a32db12894c5caadad53e58ae6bd9&URL=http%3a%2f%2fmodernlanguages.cua.edu%2f)  
  
**There are different Language requirements for each school**. The Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business and Economics, Philosophy, and Social Work require two semesters of language at the intermediate level. The Schools of Engineering and Nursing do not require language. The School of Architecture does not require language except in the cases where students will study abroad. The School of Music does not have a school wide requirement, but Voice majors are required to take Italian, French, and German 101 and 102.  
  
**CUA does accept AP credits for placement and credit. Scores must be a 4 or 5, and placement for each differs.** For those student who elect to take the placement test but do not have AP credits, they may receive a higher placement but no credits for the levels of which they tested out. Students who test out of the required intermediate courses are required to complete an additional interview with the Department of Modern Languages. Here is the link for Foreign Language Placement information and FAQ: [http://modernlanguages.cua.edu/placementinfo.cfm](https://email.methacton.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=605a32db12894c5caadad53e58ae6bd9&URL=http%3a%2f%2fmodernlanguages.cua.edu%2fplacementinfo.cfm).  
  
If you have any more questions please feel free to respond to me directly. You may also contact the Department of Modern Languages at 202.319.5240 or [http://modernlanguages.cua.edu/contactus.cfm/](https://email.methacton.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=605a32db12894c5caadad53e58ae6bd9&URL=http%3a%2f%2fmodernlanguages.cua.edu%2fcontactus.cfm%2f)  
  
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