**Gettysburg College:**

1. What languages does Gettysburg College offer? As a major? As a minor?
**Gettysburg offers French, Spanish, German, Italian, Classics, Chinese,
Japanese; Arabic is also available by special arrangement. Majors are
offered in French, German Studies, Italian Studies, Spanish, Chinese
Studies, Japanese Studies and Classics; minors are offered in all areas mentioned.**

2. Is there a language requirement for graduation?
**Yes: two consecutive semesters (at least) are required of all students for graduation; students may begin a new language or must take a placement test based on prior study of a language in order to continue in that language; college-level transfer credit serves as a de facto placement.**

3. Does Gettysburg have a study abroad program? What countries? Are there programs offered for non-language majors?
**Gettysburg has a thriving study abroad program. There are about 55
different programs affiliated with the College in other countries.
French, for example, has programs in Paris, Nantes and Aix-en-Provence
(Paris and Nantes for majors/minors, and Aix for interested
non-majors/minors). There are all sorts of programs available for
non-language majors (Australia, England, and others in non-English
speaking countries).**

5. If one of our students has questions about the language program at
Gettysburg should he/she contact the language department or the admissions
office?
**Students are welcome to contact appropriate language programs (available through the gettysburg.edu website), and also the Off-Campus Studies office for matters of study abroad. E-mail or phone inquiries to the language departments would be the best means for information on language study at Gettysburg.**

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Gettysburg College Language Requirements

**1.Are language AP credits accepted at Gettysburg College? If yes, what score is needed?**
 Yes, we accept scores of 4 and 5. If you earned a 4 or 5 on an AP language test, the College will give credit toward one (1) language course. Such students will then take one further course in that language to fulfill the language requirement.
 For example, if a student takes the AP exam in Spanish and scores a 4 or 5, and then he or she wishes to enroll in a Spanish course, he or she will only have to complete successfully one more Spanish course to meet the College requirement. If that student opts to enroll in any other language besides Spanish, he or she will have to take two courses in the same language. Students with AP credit will also need to take the language placement exam to determine where they should best be placed for their remaining language course. Some language departments will also conduct an assessment interview on campus in addition to the placement exam. Please contact the individual language departments for further information.

**2.Is there a language requirement for all undergraduates? Or is it only required for some majors? Which majors?**
All students, regardless of major, must take a minimum of 2 courses in the same language.

**3.Does Gettysburg have a language test to place out of a language requirement?** Any incoming student who has taken more than one year of ancient Greek, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and/or Spanish at the high school level is required to take a placement exam in that language. This is true whether you plan to continue your study of these languages at Gettysburg or not. Language departments use data from these placement exams to help decide how many, and what levels of each language to offer.
The following students are exempt from taking a language at Gettysburg:

* 1. Students whose second language is English and who have studied in a language other than English at the high school level or higher. These students may petition the Registrar’s Office for exemption from the second language requirement once they arrive at Gettysburg.
	2. Students who grew up bilingual and completed high school studies taught in English need to complete the language requirement. Gettysburg College requests that these “heritage speakers” self-disclose their language experience so that both administrative and faculty members may best be able to place them into an appropriate level of the foreign language that they speak, provided that they propose to study their heritage language. Whether or not these students formally studied their heritage language in high school, and that language is offered by Gettysburg College, they should take the placement exam for that language.

	Students with a score of 4 or 5 will receive credit towards one (1) language course and will need to take one further course in that language to fulfill the language requirement. For example, if a student receives a 4 on the AP Spanish exam he/she will need to take one more Spanish class to fulfill the requirement. If this student wants to study a new language, he/she will need to take two courses of the new language to fulfill the requirement.

**4.Are CLEP or SATII scores accepted?**No.

**5.Are dual enrollment credits accepted from Montgomery County College if the classes are taught by Methacton faculty on the Methacton campus?**Yes, as long as Gettysburg College receives a transcript from Montgomery County College. All courses with a C- or higher will transfer.

Further questions look at:

[Language Placement Exam – FAQs for Admitted Students](http://www.gettysburg.edu/orientation/planning-your-courses/language-placement-exam.dot)

[Foreign Language Study - General Information - FAQs for Admitted Students](http://www.gettysburg.edu/orientation/planning-your-courses/foreign-language-study-information.dot)