World Languages Proficiency Descriptors

This list shows the level students will have reached at the end of 101-202 courses at WKU. For example, if you can do everything listed under 101 targeted proficiency, you are ready for a 102 course. If you can do everything under 102 targeted proficiency, you are probably ready to take the STAMP test.

101 Targeted Proficiency Level upon completion: Novice Mid
- I can understand some everyday words, phrases and questions about me, my personal experiences, and my surroundings.
- I can understand familiar words, phrases, and simple sentences.
- I can interact with help, using words, phrases and memorized expressions.
- I can answer simple questions on very familiar topics.
- I can provide basic information about myself and my intermediate surroundings, using words, phrases, and memorized expressions.
- I can provide some basic information on familiar topics in lists, phrases, often using memorized expressions.

102 Targeted Proficiency Level upon completion: Novice High
- I can understand some ideas about familiar topics expressed in phrases, simple sentences, and frequently used expressions.
- I can understand the main idea in short conversations, messages, and announcements.
- I can understand some ideas from simple texts that contain familiar vocabulary.
- I can exchange information about familiar tasks, topics, and activities.
- I can handle short social interactions using phrases and simple sentences.
- I can write descriptions and short messages to request or provide information on familiar topics using phrases and simple sentences.

201 Targeted Proficiency Level upon completion: Intermediate Low
- I can understand the main idea and some details on familiar topics expressed in sentences, short conversations, presentations, and messages.
- I can understand the main idea and some details in texts that contain familiar vocabulary.
- I can carry on a conversation on a limited number of familiar topics.
- I can ask and answer simple questions and exchange information in familiar situations using phrases and series of sentences.
- I can make simple presentations using a series of sentences with some details.
- I can write on familiar topics and experiences using a series of sentences with some details.

202 Targeted Proficiency Level upon completion: Intermediate Low + to Intermediate Mid
- I can understand the main idea and many details on familiar topics expressed in a series of connected sentences, conversations, presentations, and messages.
- I can understand the main idea and many details in texts that contain familiar vocabulary and some details in texts that contain unfamiliar vocabulary.
- I can carry on conversations on a variety of familiar topics and in uncomplicated situations.
- I can describe experiences, events, and plans.
- I can state an opinion on a familiar topic.
- I can make a simple factual presentation using connected sentences with many details.
- I can write communications, descriptions and explanations on familiar topics using connected sentences with many details.

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