Colonnade Program at Western Kentucky University
Demonstrate Novice High Proficiency in a World Language

Novice High means: I can communicate and exchange information about familiar topics using phrases and simple sentences, sometimes supported by memorized language. I can usually handle short social interactions in everyday situations by asking and answering simple questions.

You choose:

• Demonstrate your skills.
Language background and test options:

4 years	AP of 3 or higher
3 or more	CLEP of 50 or higher
At least 2	STAMP of NH or higher

• Continue a language you already started. See placement info at the Modern Languages web site. Complete a 102 or higher course with a C or better.*

• Start a new language. Options:
Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish.**
Take 101 and 102. Earn a C or higher. See additional options below.

"After two years of high school Spanish, I was ready to show what I could do. Taking the STAMP test as a freshman let me fulfill the language requirement and then focus on other things." – Cordelia, Class of 2018

"Starting at a higher level in Spanish based on my high school study really helped keep me challenged and motivated without the class being too extremely easy or too frustratingly difficult." – Brady, Class of 2016

"I think studying a language expands your cultural intelligence and provides you with knowledge you need to interact with other citizens of the world. I tried Arabic and I am glad I did." – Nikki, Class of 2017

You must complete the requirement <u>before you have earned 60 hours of college credit</u>. 92% of fall 2015 freshmen who had 2 years of high school language and took the STAMP test were able to demonstrate Novice High proficiency. STAMP fulfills the requirement. It does not award credit. An adequate CLEP or AP score does both. Additional courses outside Modern Languages that fulfill the requirement: ASL 102 or higher, CHNF 101 or higher, Greek (RELS/BLNG 155), Hebrew RELS/BLNG 153), Latin (RELS 151), and Pali (RELS 157). *Modern Languages courses taught in English (any language 105, CHIN 108, JAPN 115, SPAN 200) do not fulfill the requirement. See the 2015-16 UG Catalog p. 43. ** Pending Colonnade approval.

Questions about placing or testing out:
http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/ or
call the Department of Modern Languages at 270-745-2401.
To register for STAMP or CLEP testing: http://www.wku.edu/heretohelp/.
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