

Multicultural Experience Courses with Possible catalog Language Modern Foreign Language (MFL)

The study of a modern foreign language is the best way for students to accomplish the academic goal of knowledge, awareness and appreciation of another “world”. The study of a modern foreign language in the core curriculum is intended to stretch students beyond their current ability to speak a language other than their native English.

- a) Most Students will satisfy the language requirement by completing two semesters of a modern foreign language at an appropriate level to be determined by departmental guidelines (see **Foreign Language Placement Guidelines** below).
- b) A student may satisfy the language requirement by testing successfully through the Intermediate Level of any language for which CLEP credit is available.
- c) A student who has successfully passed three years of language in high school may satisfy the language requirement by completing one semester of the same language at the intermediate level (either 2313 or 2323) as well as one of the options associated with the Multicultural Experience (below).
- d) A student may satisfy the language requirement by completing at least the beginning courses (1313 and 1323) of a different language than the one studied in high school.
- e) A student who wishes to study a non-Western language (whether it is offered at OBU or not) may arrange with the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to satisfy the language requirement by completing one semester of the non-Western language. This student will also need to complete at least one of the options associated with the Multicultural Experience (below).
- f) Foreign nationals studying at OBU, for whom English is not the first language, are exempt from this requirement in the core curriculum.

Individual programs may require students to take a minimum of two semesters of a modern foreign language, regardless of the level determined appropriate for beginning or continuing study. This includes all programs in the School of Christian Service.

Multicultural Experience (ME)

By completing the modern foreign language requirement, most students (those required to complete six hours of modern foreign language course work) will also have satisfied the core requirement for a ‘Multicultural Experience.’ Exceptions include students who fit options “c” and “e” above. These students may take one of the courses listed below or arrange for appropriate study abroad experience in order to complete the multicultural requirement.

- ANTH 2023 World Cultures: Africa to Central Asia
- ANTH 2033 World Cultures: South Asia to Oceania
- ANTH 3133 Native America: Culture and Politics
- ANTH 3183 Race and Ethnicity in Global Perspective
- ANTH 3353 Language, Culture, and Communication
- ANTH 3913 Kinship and Family in Global Perspective
- ART 2133 Historical Survey of Art III
- FNAR 2163 Arts and Ideas can be taken for ME if FNAR 2063 met the Fine Arts requirement
- MUSC 3253 World Music Survey (ANTH 3253)
- REL 3423 World Religions (ANTH 3423; PHIL 3423)
- A trip with course credit may be approved by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- A semester’s study abroad that involves immersion in a culture that is very different from the student’s own. In planning this experience, students should seek advice from their academic advisor and/or the university’s study abroad coordinator.

Foreign Language Placement Guidelines

Students with 1 year of high school Spanish, French or German study

In grade 9...Beginning Language & Culture I (SPAN 1313, FREN 1313, GRMN 1313)

In grade 10...Beginning Language & Culture I (SPAN 1313, FREN 1313, GRMN 1313)

In grade 11... Beginning Language & Culture I (SPAN 1313, FREN 1313, GRMN 1313)

In grade 12... Beginning Language & Culture I (SPAN 1313, FREN 1313, GRMN 1313)

Students with 2 years of high school Spanish, French or German study

In grades 9 and 10... Beginning Language & Culture II (SPAN 1323, FREN 1323, GRMN 1323)

In grades 9 and 11... Beginning Language & Culture II (SPAN 1323, FREN 1323, GRMN 1323)

In grades 9 and 12... Beginning Language & Culture II (SPAN 1323, FREN 1323, GRMN 1323)

In grades 10 and 11... Intermediate Language & Culture I (SPAN 2313, FREN 2313, GRMN 2313)

In grades 10 and 12... Intermediate Language & Culture I (SPAN 2313, FREN 2313, GRMN 2313)

In grades 11 and 12... Intermediate Language & Culture I (SPAN 2313, FREN 2313, GRMN 2313)

Students with 3 years of high school Spanish, French or German study

In grades 9, 11 and 12...Intermediate Spanish Language & Culture I (SPAN 2313, FREN 2313, GRMN 2313)

In grades 9, 10 and 12...Intermediate Spanish Language & Culture I (SPAN 2313, FREN 2313, GRMN 2313)

In grades 10, 11 and 12...Intermediate Spanish Language & Culture I (SPAN 2313, FREN 2313, GRMN 2313)

Students with 4 years of high school Spanish, French or German study

In grades 9, 10, 11, and 12...Intermediate Spanish Language & Culture I (SPAN 2313, FREN 2313, GRMN 2313)

Or see Dr. Litherland for placement in an upper-division course.

Students whose prior Spanish, French, or German study experience does not fit into the categories above such as

- Those who have 5 years+ of previous Spanish, French, or German study;
- Studied Spanish, French, or German in grades 7, 8, and 9;
- Believe that they should be placed at a higher level than their experience indicates
- Have studied Spanish in high school and have extensive foreign experience as well should see Dr. Litherland for advise on placement.

All students enrolled in Spanish 2313, French 2313, German 2313: Intermediate Language & Culture I will have an opportunity to take a placement test the afternoon of the first day of class.