

Foreign Languages

As part of the requirements for an Associate of Arts degree, students must meet a foreign language requirement. The study of a foreign language can broaden a student's cultural and intellectual pursuits, increase the understanding of one's own language, improve career options, and enlarge one's understanding of other cultures. Therefore, courses meeting the General Education Foreign Language requirement must, at a minimum, achieve the following goals:

- Demonstrate communication skills appropriate to the level of the course (beginning, intermediate, or advanced) in the following areas: speaking (signing for ASL students), listening (understanding the signing of others for ASL students), reading, writing, and vocabulary
- Teach students to communicate at the appropriate level with people of other ethnic and cultural backgrounds within their own country and from around the world
- Assist students in gaining an awareness of linguistics and a greater appreciation of their own language
- Increase students' global awareness by developing a better understanding of and sensitivity towards people of other cultures and their human experience

To meet these goals, courses in foreign languages will require students to complete, at a minimum, the following:

- Workbook assignments for each chapter that will include listening comprehension development activities, vocabulary-building activities, and grammar development activities, as well as activities designed to develop a student's reading comprehension
- Write at least two well-developed paragraphs or short writing assignments appropriate to the student's level for each chapter
- Participate in class activities in order to increase listening comprehension and speaking ability
- Engage with cultural topics through class discussion and in readings from the text and workbook
- Take unit tests on listening, reading, writing, grammar, and vocabulary
- Read additional texts and write responses that demonstrate analytical and linguistic ability (depending on student's level)