



Transferability of Modern (Foreign) Language Courses

What you should and should not do before transfer

The purpose of this document is to familiarize LaGuardia students with the transferability of modern language courses to different campuses of CUNY's 4-year institutions. CUNY and non-CUNY 4-year schools often require students to take modern (foreign) language courses as part of their degree requirements. At CUNY 4-year schools, these courses are specifically required as part of the Pathways Additional Core, which is a 12-credit requirement unique to CUNY 4-year campuses.

Below is a summary of the modern language requirements for transfer students who have earned an AA/AS/AAS degree from LaGuardia. Please note that this information does not apply to early transfer students without an Associate's degree. It should be noted that the information is accurate as of the time of writing this document; for the most up-to-date and accurate information, please contact the 4-year institution directly. Errors and corrections on this document should be sent to Tomonori Nagano at 718-482-5484 or tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu.



Baruch

Requirement: Two foreign language courses in the Weissman School of Arts and Sciences

Exemption: Transfer students with an Associate's degree are exempted from the foreign language requirement. Some programs require transfer students to demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language.

What you should do at LaGuardia: Students transferring to Weissman School and to the International Business at Zicklin School should be able to demonstrate proficiency in a second language. Applicable students should consider taking modern language courses at LaGuardia.



The City College

Requirement: 9 credits (for BA) or 6 credits (for BS/BFA) of Foreign Language

Exemption: On the basis of demonstrated proficiency

What you should do at LaGuardia: Students transferring to College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will need either take 2 or 3 modern (foreign) language courses or demonstrate equivalent proficiency. Applicable students should consider taking modern language courses at LaGuardia. The other colleges of CCNY (e.g., College of Engineering) have no foreign language requirement.



Hunter

Requirement: Fourth-semester (12-credit-worth) proficiency in a foreign language (regardless of where the learning took place). If students have some knowledge in LOTE (Languages other than English), they can take Writing Intensive or P&D courses in place of foreign language.

Exemption: Transfer students with AA/AS will have to take 6 credits of foreign language and they have to attain second, third, or fourth-semester proficiency in a foreign language.

What you should do at LaGuardia: Students transferring to Hunter College should take as many modern (foreign) language classes as possible at LaGuardia.



Queens

Requirement: One language course

Exemption: None. Modern language has a residency requirement (i.e., it must be taken at QC). All students including transfer-in students have to take one Language course (unless students transfer from another senior college with 9 College-Option credits).

What you should do at LaGuardia: What you should do at LaGuardia: Students transferring to Queens College should wait to take modern language courses until they transfer to QC. Students can still take modern language at LaGuardia as part of the Pathways to develop their career/skill set, but the class will not satisfy the foreign language requirement at QC.



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Lehman

Requirement: Two foreign language courses

Exemption: Students who transfer with an AA, AS, or AAS are exempted from the foreign language requirement.

What you should do at LaGuardia: Students transferring to Lehman College with an Associate's degree does not need to take any modern language course at LaGuardia. Early transfer students (without an Associate's degree) should be able to demonstrate proficiency in a second language. Applicable students should consider taking modern language courses at LaGuardia especially if they don't speak any language other than English.



Brooklyn

Requirement: Two language or literature courses (they are called "additional course(s)" in College Option, but effectively all "additional courses" are foreign language or literature classes)

Exemption: Transfer students with AA/AS are exempted from "additional courses". AAS students must have their transcripts evaluated.

What you should do at LaGuardia: AAS students transferring to Brooklyn College should consider taking modern language courses at LaGuardia. AA/AS students can still take modern language courses at LaGuardia to develop their career/skill set, but it's not necessary for curricular purposes.



John Jay

Requirement: One language course

Exemption: Transfer students are exempt from the foreign language requirement, but they are strongly encouraged to take language course to achieve higher level foreign language proficiency for career purposes.

What you should do at LaGuardia: Students transferring to John Jay College do not need to take modern language at LaGuardia, but they are encouraged to develop high level proficiency in a foreign language for career purposes.



LaGuardia Community College

Requirement: LaGuardia has no institutional modern language requirement except for a few majors (Liberal Arts SSH, Education, Bilingual Child, Deaf Studies, Japanese, and International Studies). All students can take up to 2 modern language courses as part of their Pathways (WCGI and Add. Core) requirement.

What you should do at LaGuardia:

- If you plan to transfer to a CUNY school that has a language requirement (e.g., Hunter College), it is recommended to take as many modern language courses as possible at LaGuardia. Even if your transfer school does not require modern language, taking one or two modern language classes is highly advantageous in the global society of the 21st century.
- If you speak a language other than English at home, LaGuardia is the best and likely the only place to utilize your home (heritage) language skills to further your academic career. Consider taking a heritage language (105-level) class in your home language to fulfill your Pathways requirement. This will also serve as evidence of your language proficiency on your academic transcript. LaGuardia offers modern language classes for heritage speakers in various languages, including Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Italian, French, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Tibetan, and Haitian Creole (many of these languages are offered only at LaGuardia).
- LaGuardia is equipped with the Modern Language Lab, which provides tutoring services for all languages we offer. Tutoring is typically conducted on a one-on-one basis with native or near-native speakers of the target language. Other CUNY campuses do not offer the same level of academic support in language studies.