

# Transferability of Modern (Foreign) Language Courses

## What you should and should not do before transferring to 4-year schools



The purpose of this document is to make LaGuardia students become familiar with transferability of modern language courses to different campuses of CUNY 4-year institutions. Students are usually required to take modern (foreign) language courses as part of their degree requirement at CUNY and non-CUNY 4-year schools. At CUNY 4-year schools, modern language courses are required as part of the Pathways Additional Core (12-credit Pathways requirement that exists only at CUNY 4-year campuses). Below is a summary of the modern language requirements for transfer students with an AA/AS/AAS degree from LaGuardia (note that information below will not apply to early transfer students without an Associate degree).

The Pathways Additional Core has been institutionalized relatively recently and its implementation is somewhat fluid. For the latest and accurate information, please contact Tomonori Nagano, Coordinator of the Modern Languages and Literatures Program at LaGuardia CC, at 718-482-5484 or [tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu) or Transfer Service Office at B-215 / [transfer@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:transfer@lagcc.cuny.edu) / 718-482-5185.



### Baruch College

**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 (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Only)

**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 College

**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 College

**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:**

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.



## Lehman College

**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 degree does not need to take any modern language course at LaGuardia. Early transfer students (without an Associate 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 College

**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 College

**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.



**Requirement:** LaGuardia has no institutional modern language requirement except for a few majors (Bilingual Child, Deaf Studies, Japanese, and International Studies). Although modern language is not required, students can still take up to 2 modern language courses as part of their Pathways (WCGI and Add. Core).

**What you should do at LaGuardia:**

- If you plan to transfer a CUNY school with regroups language requirement (e.g., Hunter College), you should take as many modern language courses as possible at LaGuardia. Even if your transfer school does not require modern language, it is a good idea to take one or two modern language class -- knowledge in a second language is highly valued as an asset in the global society in the 21st century.
- If you speak a language other than English at home, LaGuardia is the best (and probably only) place to take advantage of your home (heritage) language skill to progress your academic career. Consider taking a heritage language (105-level) class in your home language and satisfy your Pathways requirement. It will also add evidence for your language proficiency to the academic transcript. LaGuardia offers modern language classes for heritage speakers in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Italian, French, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Tibetan, and Haitian Creole (many of these languages are offered only at LaGuardia).
- LaGuardia has the Modern Language Lab, which provides tutoring services in all languages that we offer. The tutoring is often one-on-one basis with native or near native speakers of the target language. Other CUNY campuses do not have this level of academic support in language studies.