

CCBC World Language Placement Guidelines FY 25-26

Students registering for a world language course at CCBC should be placed according to the following guidelines, which are based on their experience studying a world language in middle school, high school or in another context.

Placement Chart for Middle School Study:

Number of Years Completed	Experience	Performance	Placement
1 year middle school (Beginning Level A)	Within the last year	A	Level 102
		B or C	Level 101
2 years middle school (Beginning Level A & Level B)	Within the last year	A or B in both courses	Level 102
		C in either course	Level 101
3 years middle school (Beginning Level A & Level B, Intermediate Level)	Within the last year	A or B in all three courses	Level 201
		A or B in Level B & Intermediate Level; C in level A	Level 102

NOTE: If a D is earned in any level of middle school World Language classes, placement at CCBC is WL 101.

Placement Chart for High School Study:

Language Level Completed	Experience	Performance	Placement
Level 1	Within the last 3 years	A or B	Level 102
Level 1		C	Level 101
Level 1	More than 3 years ago	NA	Level 101
No language experience	NA	NA	Level 101

Level 2	Within the last 3 years	A or B in both levels	Level 201
Level 2		C	Level 102
Level 2	More than 3 years ago	Contact the World Language Coordinator	To be determined
Level 3	Within the last 3 years	A or B in all three levels	Level 202
Level 3		C in Level 2 or Level 3	Level 201
		C in two or more levels	Level 102
Level 3	More than 3 years ago	Contact the World Language Coordinator	To be determined
Level 4 (and above)	Within the last 3 years	A, B or C in all four levels	Level 202
Level 4 (and above)	More than 3 years ago	Contact the World Language Coordinator	To be determined

NOTE: If a D is earned in any level of high school World Language classes, placement at CCBC is WL 101.

NOTE: Students who have completed world language study in both Middle School and High School should contact the World Language Coordinator about their placement.

Students may have studied a world language at another college. Prior to registering for a world language course at CCBC, students must provide transcripts from high school or college (documenting courses completed and grades received) or demonstrate to the World Language coordinator the appropriate level of proficiency needed to enroll in a level above 101.

Students with two or more years of world language study at the high school level should not register for the 101 level of that language. The 101 level of any world language course is designated for:

- introductory students (who have no prior experience with the language)
- students with fewer than two years of language study
- students who have not studied or used the language in three or more years
- students who received grades of Cs and Ds in world language courses in high school.

Students who want to register for the 102, 201 or 202 level of a language must provide a high school transcript.

Students who are unsure about which level would be most appropriate should contact the World Language Coordinator. The table above serves as a guide only; other factors may influence students' placement at CCBC.

Students registering for online world language courses should understand how an online learning environment functions. Students must have daily access to a computer with a camera and microphone.

Students with expert-level proficiency:

Students with expert-level proficiency in a World Language, including those raised in a home where the language was spoken, should not enroll in 101, 102 or 201 level courses. Students who wish to earn credits in a language in which they are proficient should do one of the following:

- Take one of the assessments below (CLEP,).
- Enroll in the 202 level of the language.
- Inquire about earning credit through the OPI exam.
- Contact the World Language coordinator to be placed above the 101 level.

Advanced Placement (AP):

Students with a score of 3 on Advanced Placement (High School) in any language will receive 6 credits of world language courses (101 and 102).

Students with a score of 4 or 5 on Advanced Placement (High School) in any language will receive 9 credits of world language courses (101, 102 & 201).

Information about CCBC's Advanced Placement Guidelines can be found [here](#) on the college's website. **Chart below subject to change.*

Advanced Placement (AP) Assessments Accepted at CCBC:

AP Exam	Score	CCBC Courses Awarded	Credits Awarded
Chinese Language and Culture (lower score)	3	WLCH 101 & 102	6
Chinese Language and Culture (higher score)	4	WLCH 101, 102, 201	9
French Language and Culture (lower score)	3	WLFR 101 & 102	6
French Language and Culture (higher score)	4	WLFR 101, 102, 201	9

German Language and Culture (lower score)	3	WLGR 101 & 102	6
German Language and Culture (higher score)	4	WLGR 101, 102, 201	9
Italian Language and Culture (lower score)	3	WLIN 101 & 102	6
Italian Language and Culture (higher score)	4	WLIN 101, 102, 201	9
Japanese Language and Culture (lower score)	3	WLJP 101 & 102	6
Japanese Language and Culture (higher score)	4	WLJP 101, 102, 201	9
Latin (lower score)	3	WLGN 101 & 102	6
Latin (higher score)	4	WLGN 101, 102, 201	9
Spanish Language and Culture (lower score)	3	WLSP 101 & 102	6
Spanish Language and Culture (higher score)	4	WLSP 101, 102, 201	9

International Baccalaureate (IB) Assessments Accepted at CCBC:

CCBC Course(s) Awarded	IB Exam	Level	Score	Credits Awarded
WLAR 101 and WLAR 102	Arabic B	HL	4	6
WLCH 101 and WLCH 102	Chinese B - Cantonese	HL	4	6
WLCH 101 and WLCH 102	Chinese B - Mandarin	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Danish B	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Dutch B	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Finnish B	HL	4	6
WLFR 101 and WLFR 102	French B	HL	4	6
WLGR 101 and WLGR 102	German B	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Hindi B	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Indonesian B	HL	4	6
WLIN 101 and WLIN 102	Italian B	HL	4	6
WLJP 101 and WLJP 102	Japanese B	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Kiswahili B	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Korean B	HL	4	6

WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Norwegian B	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Portuguese B	HL	4	6
WLRU 101 and WLRU 102	Russian B	HL	4	6
WLSP 101 and WLSP 102	Spanish B	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Swedish B	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Afrikaans A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Albanian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Amharic A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLAR 101 and WLAR 102	Arabic A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLAR 101 and WLAR 102	Arabic A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Armenian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Azerbaijani A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Bengali A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Bosnian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Bulgarian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Burmese A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Catalan A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLCH 101 and WLCH 102	Chinese A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLCH 101 and WLCH 102	Chinese A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Classic Greek	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Croatian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Czech A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Danish A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Dutch A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Dutch A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Estonian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Filipino A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Finnish A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLFR 101 and WLFR 102	French A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLFR 101 and WLFR 102	French A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Georgian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGR 101 and WLGR 102	German A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLGR 101 and WLGR 102	German A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Hebrew A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Hindi A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Hungarian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Icelandic A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Indonesian A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6

WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Indonesian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLIN 101 and WLIN 102	Italian A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLIN 101 and WLIN 102	Italian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLJP 101 and WLJP 102	Japanese A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLJP 101 and WLJP 102	Japanese A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Khmer A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Kiswahili A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Korean A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Korean: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Lao A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Latin	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Latvian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Lithuanian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Macedonian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Malay A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Modern Greek A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Modern Greek A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Mongolian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Nepali A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Norwegian A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Norwegian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Persian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Polish A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Portuguese A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Portuguese A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Romanian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLRU 101 and WLRU 102	Russian A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLRU 101 and WLRU 102	Russian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Serbian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Sesotho A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Siswati A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Slovak A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Slovene A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLSP 101 and WLSP 102	Spanish A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLSP 101 and WLSP 102	Spanish A: Literature	HL	4	6

WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Swedish A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Swedish A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Thai A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Thai A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Turkish A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Ukrainian A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Urdu A: Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Vietnamese A: Language and Literature	HL	4	6
WLGN 101 and WLGN 102	Vietnamese A: Literature	HL	4	6

Cambridge (CB) Assessments Accepted at CCBC:

CCBC Course(s) Awarded	Cambridge Assessment	Level Requirement with at least a “C” 70% or better.	Credits Awarded
WLAR 101	Arabic (CIE/9680)	Advanced (A) or Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLAR 101	Arabic Language (CIE/8680)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLCH 101	Chinese (CIE/9715)	Advanced (A)	3
WLCH 101	Chinese Language (CIE/8681)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLCH 101	Chinese Language & Lit (CIE/9868)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLCH 101	Chinese Language (CIE/8238)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLFR 101	French (CIE/9716)	Advanced (A)	3
WLFR 101	French Language (CIE/8682)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGN 101	Afrikaans (CIE/9679)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGN 101	Afrikaans Language (CIE/8679)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGN 101	Hindi (CIE/9687)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGN 101	Hindi Language (CIE/8687)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGN 101	Hindi Literature (CIE/8675)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGN 101	Portuguese (CIE/9718)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGN 101	Portuguese Language (CIE/8684)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGN 101	Tamil (CIE/9689)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3

WLGN 101	Tamil Language (CIE/8689)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGN 101	Urdu (CIE/9676)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGN 101	Urdu Language (CIE/8686)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGN 101	Urdu-Pakistan Only (CIE/9686)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLGR 101	German (CIE/9717)	Advanced (A)	3
WLGR 101	German Language (CIE/8683)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLJP 101	Japanese Language (CIE/8281)	Advanced (A) or Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLSP 101	Spanish (CIE/9719)	Advanced (A)	3
WLSP 101	Spanish First Language (CIE/8665)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLSP 101	Spanish Language (CIE/8685)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLSP 101	Spanish Literature (CIE/8673)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3
WLSP 101	Spanish Language (CIE/8022)	Advanced Subsidiary (AS)	3

College Level Examination Program “CLEP” (CL) Assessments Accepted at CCBC:

Students who have not studied a world language in a U.S. high school may have developed proficiency/fluency in a language due to other life experiences. These students may take the CLEP to receive credit for prior knowledge. Native speakers of a language may also take the CLEP to receive credit for prior knowledge.

The CCBC Testing and Assessment Center provides on-campus proctoring services in a secure setting. Students interested in taking the CLEP should refer to the Center’s website here ([Testing Center \(ccbcmd.edu\)](http://ccbcmd.edu)) for next steps.

CCBC’s CLEP guidelines for world languages are based on ACE (The American Counseling on Education) recommendations:

Spanish

- Six (6) semester hours of credit for a score of 50 on the Spanish Language Level I and II assessment.
- Nine (9) semester hours of credit for a score of 63 on the Spanish Language Level I and II assessment.

Spanish with Writing Levels 1 and 2

- Six (6) semester hours of credit for a score of 50 on the Spanish Language Level I and II assessment.
- Twelve (12) semester hours of credit a score of 65 pm the Spanish Language Level I and II assessment.

French

- Six (6) semester hours of credit for a score of 50 on the French Language Level I and II assessment.
- Nine (9) semester hours of credit for a score of 59 on the French Language Level I and II assessment.

German

- Six (6) semester hours of credit for a score of 50 on the German Language I and II assessment.
- Nine (9) semester hours of credit for a score of 60 on the German Language I and II assessment.

Material taught during both years is incorporated into a single exam covering both Level I and II content. Proficiency Level is determined by the test score.

For more details about how to study for the CLEP exam please visit the [College Board website on world languages](#).

Information about the CLEP Examination can be found [here](#) on the college's website.

Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Exam:

Prospective and current students at CCBC can now apply for World Language credits for over one hundred languages through the [Oral Proficiency Interview](#) (OPI) exams. The OPI exam is currently accepted by CCBC as Articulated Credit by Industry/Apprenticeship, as listed on the [Credit for Prior Learning Webpage](#) of the college's website.

Through this application, students will be able to order and complete the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI). For information about ACTFL Proficiency assessments, the application process and testing procedures, please click [here](#).

Students who receive an OPI certificate should email it to: Soumaya Benrahal, Associate Professor, World Languages at: sbenrahal@ccbcmd.edu.

Certificate Interview Proficiency Level	CCBC Courses Awarded	Credits Awarded
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced High/Superior Arabic	WLAR 101, 102, 201, 202	12

Certificate Interview Proficiency Level	CCBC Courses Awarded	Credits Awarded
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced High/Superior French	WLFR 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced High/Superior German	WLGR 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced High/Superior Italian	WLIN 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced High/Superior Japanese	WLJP 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced High/Superior Mandarin (Chinese)	WLCH 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced High/Superior Russian	WLRU 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced High/Superior Spanish	WLSP 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced Mid Arabic	WLAR 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced Mid French	WLFR 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced Mid German	WLGR 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced Mid Italian	WLIN 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced Mid Japanese	WLJP 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced Mid Mandarin (Chinese)	WLCH 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced Mid Russian	WLRU 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced Mid Spanish	WLSP 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate High OTHER	WLGN 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate High/Advanced Low Arabic	WLAR 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate High/Advanced Low French	WLFR 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate High/Advanced Low German	WLGR 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate High/Advanced Low Italian	WLIN 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate High/Advanced Low Japanese	WLJP 101, 102, 201, 202	12

Certificate Interview Proficiency Level	CCBC Courses Awarded	Credits Awarded
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate High/Advanced Low Mandarin (Chinese)	WLCH 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate High/Advanced Low Russian	WLRU 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate High/Advanced Low Spanish	WLSP 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate Mid Arabic	WLAR 101, 102, 201	9
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate Mid French	WLFR 101, 102, 201	9
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate Mid German	WLGR 101, 102, 201	9
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate Mid Italian	WLIN 101, 102, 201	9
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate Mid Japanese	WLJP 101, 102, 201	9
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate Mid Mandarin (Chinese)	WLCH 101, 102, 201	9
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate Mid Russian	WLRU 101, 102, 201	9
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate Mid Spanish	WLSP 101, 102, 201	9
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate OTHER	WLGN 101, 102, 201	9
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice High OTHER	WLGN 101, 102	6
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice High/Intermediate Arabic	WLAR 101, 102	6
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice High/Intermediate French	WLFR 101, 102	6
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice High/Intermediate German	WLGR 101, 102	6
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice High/Intermediate Italian	WLIN 101, 102	6
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice High/Intermediate Japanese	WLJP 101, 102	6
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice High/Intermediate Mandarin (Chinese)	WLCH 101, 102	6
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice High/Intermediate Russian	WLRU 101, 102	6
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice High/Intermediate Spanish	WLSP 101, 102	6
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice Low Arabic	WLAR 101	3
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice Low French	WLFR 101	3

Certificate Interview Proficiency Level	CCBC Courses Awarded	Credits Awarded
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice Low German	WLGR 101	3
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice Low Italian	WLIN 101	3
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice Low Japanese	WLJP 101	3
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice Low Mandarin (Chinese)	WLCH 101	3
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice Low OTHER	WLGN 101	3
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice Low Russian	WLRU 101	3
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice Low Spanish	WLSP 101	3
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced High/Superior (not taught language)	WLGN 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Advanced Mid (not taught language)	WLGN 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate High/Advanced Low (not taught language)	WLGN 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Intermediate Mid (not taught language)	WLGN 101, 102, 201	9
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice High/Intermediate (not taught language)	WLGN 101, 102	6
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): Novice Low (not taught language)	WLGN 101	3

Credit-by-Exam:

Please note that starting in fall 2024, CCBC no longer offers credit-by-exam in World Language courses. The OPI has replaced credit-by-exam.

High School Articulation Agreement:

Students who studied a world language at a high school in Maryland may be permitted to place into World Language 102, 201 or 202 at CCBC (please refer to the Placement Chart on page 1 for guidance). Upon completion of World Language 102, 201 or 202 with a C or better, the student will receive academic credit for lower-level World Language courses if desired. To start the articulation process, the student is responsible for submitting their high school transcript to PriorLearning@ccbcmd.edu.

Independent Studies:

Please note that as of fall 2017, CCBC no longer offers a World Language Transfer Pattern/Area of Concentration. Therefore, independent studies are not offered for World Languages courses.

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