

Language Placement Matters

To ensure the best possible learning experience for everyone, proper placement in our language classes is essential. During the first two weeks of class, instructors may recommend a level change based on your speaking and comprehension skills. These adjustments help create the most effective and engaging class environment for all students.

Language Class Prerequisite Checklist

Not sure which class is right for you? Use the checklist below to find the level that best matches your previous language experience. If you are unsure, please contact the instructor before registering.

FRENCH

☐ **Beginning French for True Beginners**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have **no previous French experience**
- ☐ You are new to learning French and want to start with the fundamentals

No prior French required.

☐ **French High Beginner**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed a **true beginner French course**
- ☐ OR you have a basic foundation in French from previous study
- ☐ You can recognize and use some basic vocabulary and phrases
- ☐ You have some familiarity with French pronunciation and simple sentence structure
- ☐ You are ready to move beyond the very basics and increase your conversational skills
- ☐ You can ask basic questions and you can hold basic conversations using the present tense and the near future (ie: I am going to.)

If you have little or no French experience, start with Beginning French for True Beginners.

☐ **French II Beginner**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed **at least two years of French study**
- ☐ OR you have equivalent experience and a solid basic foundation
- ☐ You have familiarity with basic French vocabulary and grammar
- ☐ You can understand some spoken French
- ☐ You are comfortable working with the **present, past, and future tenses**
- ☐ You want to strengthen your speaking and listening skills

If you have studied French but are unsure of your level, instructor consultation is recommended.

☐ **French II Intermediate**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed **at least three years of French study**
 - ☐ OR you have equivalent experience
 - ☐ You have studied French within the **last few years**
 - ☐ You can carry on a basic conversation in French
 - ☐ You have a solid understanding of French grammar and vocabulary
 - ☐ You are comfortable discussing everyday topics and expressing your ideas
 - ☐ You are ready to work with more advanced grammar, including the **conditional and subjunctive**
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☐ **Conversation Française Intermédiaire**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have an **intermediate knowledge of French grammar and vocabulary**
- ☐ You can participate in a conversation in French, even if you occasionally need help finding words
- ☐ Your primary goal is to improve **oral fluency**
- ☐ You enjoy practicing French through real-life situations and cultural topics
- ☐ You are comfortable hearing and speaking primarily in French

This is a conversation-focused class rather than a beginning grammar course.

☐ **French Conversation – Advanced**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You can **comfortably hold conversations in French**
- ☐ You can express opinions and discuss a variety of topics in French
- ☐ You can narrate past events and discuss hypothetical situations
- ☐ You understand advanced vocabulary and idiomatic expressions
- ☐ You are looking for an immersive, conversation-focused experience
- ☐ You want to refine your fluency, pronunciation, and sophistication in spoken French

This is for advanced speakers, not students who are still building basic conversational skills.

ITALIAN

☐ **Italian I**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have **no previous Italian experience**
- ☐ OR you have very limited exposure to Italian
- ☐ You want to learn basic pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, and conversation

No prior Italian required.

 **Next level:** Italian II

☐ **Italian II**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed **Italian I**
- ☐ OR you have equivalent basic Italian experience
- ☐ You are familiar with basic vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and conversation
- ☐ You can communicate using simple Italian phrases and sentences
- ☐ You want to continue developing everyday conversation skills

If you are new to NTX's Italian program, instructor permission is recommended.

 **Next level:** Italian III

☐ **Italian III**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed **Italian II**
- ☐ OR you have equivalent experience
- ☐ You have a basic-to-intermediate foundation in Italian
- ☐ You are comfortable with everyday conversation and basic grammar
- ☐ You want to expand your vocabulary and strengthen your conversational confidence

If you are new to NTX's Italian program, instructor permission is recommended.

 **Next level:** Italian IV

☐ **Italian IV**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed **Italian II or higher**
- ☐ OR you already have a solid foundation in Italian
- ☐ You are comfortable with basic conversation
- ☐ You are ready to work with additional verb tenses and more complex grammar
- ☐ You want to improve listening comprehension and conversational skills

New students must receive instructor permission before registering.

 **Next level:** Italian V

☐ **Italian V**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have been studying Italian for **a few years**
- ☐ You have completed Italian IV or have equivalent experience
- ☐ You have a strong foundation in Italian grammar and vocabulary
- ☐ You are comfortable participating in conversation
- ☐ You are ready to refine your grammar, listening comprehension, and speaking skills

New students must receive instructor permission before registering.

 **Next level:** Italian VI

☐ **Italian VI**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed Italian V or have equivalent advanced experience
- ☐ You have been studying Italian for several years
- ☐ You are comfortable with more complex grammatical structures
- ☐ You can participate in extended conversations in Italian
- ☐ You are ready to refine your skills through conversation, readings, and media

New students must receive instructor permission before registering.

SPANISH

☐ **Beginning Spanish for True Beginners- In Person**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have **no previous Spanish experience**
- ☐ You want to start with pronunciation, vocabulary, basic grammar, and simple conversation

No prior Spanish required.

☐ **Spanish I Beginning- In Person**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed Beginning Spanish for True Beginners
- ☐ OR you have comparable Spanish experience
- ☐ You have a basic foundation in Spanish vocabulary and sentence structure
- ☐ You are familiar with present-tense verb conjugations
- ☐ You understand the basic differences between ser and estar
- ☐ You can understand and respond to simple questions in Spanish
- ☐ You are ready to expand your vocabulary and conversational skills
- ☐ You are ready to begin working with reflexive verbs, the preterite, imperfect, and subjunctive

If you have little or no Spanish experience, start with Beginning Spanish for True Beginners.

☐ **Spanish II Advanced- In Person**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You already have a **solid foundation in Spanish**
- ☐ You are comfortable with reflexive verbs
- ☐ You have studied the **preterite and imperfect tenses**
- ☐ You have some familiarity with the **present subjunctive**
- ☐ You are ready for more advanced conversation and grammar

This class is more advanced than Spanish II Beginning. If you are unsure which Spanish II course is appropriate, instructor guidance is recommended.

☐ **Spanish I Beginning- On Zoom**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed **Beginning Spanish for True Beginners**
- ☐ OR you have comparable Spanish experience
- ☐ You understand basic vocabulary and sentence structure
- ☐ You are familiar with **present-tense verb conjugations**
- ☐ You understand the basic differences between **ser and estar**
- ☐ You are ready to begin working with reflexive verbs and additional verb tenses

☐ **Spanish II Beginning- On Zoom**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed a **beginning-level Spanish course**
- ☐ OR you have equivalent experience
- ☐ You are comfortable with basic Spanish vocabulary and sentence structure
- ☐ You can communicate in simple everyday situations
- ☐ You are ready to begin working with **past and future tenses**

 **Next level:** Spanish III Beginning

☐ **Spanish III Beginning- On Zoom**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed **Spanish II**
- ☐ OR you have equivalent experience
- ☐ You are comfortable with basic conversation
- ☐ You have studied past and future tenses
- ☐ You want to strengthen speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills
- ☐ You are ready for more extended conversation and authentic readings

 **Next level:** Spanish IV Beginning

☐ **Spanish IV Beginning-- On Zoom**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed **Spanish III**
- ☐ OR you have equivalent experience
- ☐ You have a solid foundation in Spanish grammar and vocabulary
- ☐ You are comfortable using multiple verb tenses
- ☐ You want to continue developing conversational fluency

 **Next level:** Spanish V Advanced

☐ **Spanish V Advanced- On Zoom**

Choose this class if:

- ☐ You have completed **Spanish IV**

- ☐ OR you have equivalent advanced experience
 - ☐ You are comfortable carrying on conversations in Spanish
 - ☐ You have a strong understanding of Spanish grammar and verb tenses
 - ☐ You want to refine your fluency, vocabulary, grammar, and communication skills
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Still unsure?

When in doubt, contact the instructor before registering. Language experience can vary significantly from student to student, and the number of years studied does not always correspond to proficiency.