

Are you unsure about continuing to study Foreign Language?



Consider what these colleges have to say!

When asked what advice they had for students who were contemplating discontinuing study of the foreign language after 1, 2, or 3 years, these colleges responded:

“You never know when you will be in a situation where it would be helpful.” - Clarkson University

“The longer a student has studied foreign language, the more competitive his/her application will be.” - Colgate University

“Continue!” - Ithaca College

“From an employment standpoint, a second language is a decided advantage.” - Johnson & Wales University

“Foreign language study will be an important part of many college majors.” - Lehigh University

“We would recommend that they complete as many levels of foreign language as their ability and schedule allows.” - Penn State University

“Almost all aspects of our life have a global perspective. Understanding other cultures and languages continues to have increasing importance in our day-to-day lives and jobs.” - SUNY Binghamton

“The more the better.” - SUNY College at Fredonia

“We encourage them to stick with it! Advanced foreign language abilities make students more marketable, knowledgeable, and hopefully, more culturally aware when graduating and entering the ‘real world.’” - SUNY College at Purchase

“Consider these three questions as you make your decision: 1. Am I highly confident that I will never need those additional levels of foreign language? 2. Would taking the high level classes help improve my overall GPA or not? 3. Have I fully considered that having more foreign language classes would not hurt me but that having less could?” - University of Connecticut

“Foreign language study leads to cross-cultural understanding that is critical in the worlds of science, technology, and business. While the English language is prevalent, it is by no means a universal language.” - University of Rochester

When asked what advantages students with advanced foreign language study bring to the college program, these colleges responded:

“Students with an enriched study in foreign language typically are better prepared academically and therefore do better in college.” - *Alfred University*

“Students who have advanced foreign language always seem to have a better understanding of other cultures.” - *Carnegie Mellon University*

“They add a more global perspective to their studies and to the classroom.” - *University of Dayton*

“These students bring a quality of academics with them.” - *Duquesne University*

“They qualify for more opportunities.” - *D’Youville College*

“They have a broader education and will adapt to college level work more easily.” - *Elmira College*

“Advanced foreign language study, like all advanced coursework, gives us the cue that this is a student who will bring passion for a discipline and intellectual curiosity to his/her college learning.” - *Hamilton College*

“Students have appreciation of other cultures, an invaluable attribute to a college culture. The skills needed to master or learn a foreign language transfer into other curriculum areas and prepare the student for success in college.” - *Hartwick College*

“Better communication skills, ability to think abstractly, higher awareness of other cultures and perspectives.” - *Houghton College*

“Students with strong foreign language background come to campus with stronger communication and language (English) skills.” - *Mansfield University*

“Their knowledge is more diverse than other students’.” - *Marist College*

“Knowing a second/third language is an integral part of an interdisciplinary approach to learning.” - *Skidmore College*

“It can enable a student to be a better citizen, less ethnocentric, and perform at a higher level of awareness in any major field of study.” - *SUNY Buffalo*

“We all need to be well-rounded, cultured, educated! We all need to learn about people who live, work, play, think, and speak differently from ‘us’. It expands the mind.” - *SUNY College at Oneonta*

“Students with advanced foreign language usually bring enhanced sensitivity to international issues and international students.” - *SUNY College at Plattsburgh*

***Would you like more information? Do you have questions?
See your foreign language teacher or your guidance counselor.***