

Global Studies Diploma World Language Requirements

In response to emails asking about the world language requirement for the GSD, please note:

1. **World Language.** Starting last spring (2016), we changed the world language requirement so that students who do not have a world language as freshmen can still join the GSD program and complete it. In addition, we firmly believe it's important for students to continue to study a world language up through the senior year for consistency and improvement ("don't use a world language then you lose it"). Therefore,

a. **Current freshmen (rising sophomores)** fall under this new rule.

1. A student needs to complete at least through Level 4 of ONE world language.
2. A student needs to take a world language all 4 years of upper school.
3. A student may change his/her world language provided the student has successfully completed through Level 5 of the first language.
4. A student who successfully completes through Level 2 of a SECOND world language (not Latin) will receive 1.0 unit of elective GSD credit.
5. A student who successfully completes either one year of Arabic or Japanese through Global Online Academy will receive 1 GSD elective credit.

b. **Rising juniors and rising seniors:** You are under the **previous** GSD language rule: you must complete through Level 5 of ONE world language but are **not required** to go beyond Level 5 (though strongly encouraged to do so for your world language learning sake!). A student who successfully completes through Level 2 of a SECOND world language (not Latin) receives 1.0 unit of elective GSD credit. A student who successfully completes either one year of Arabic or Japanese through Global Online Academy receives 1 GSD elective credit.

2. **Global Online Academy (GOA).** Any student can register for a GOA course. GOA courses and the registration procedure are listed in the registration materials. Except by special permission from Mr. Eric Hedinger, Head of Upper School, students must sign up for a study hall in order to take a GOA course.

Please contact me or Mr. Eric Hedinger if you have any questions about the GSD world language requirement, past or present.