

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Updating the Foreign Language Requirement
Resolution 2025-26B**

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WHEREAS, the Advanced Studies high school diploma in Virginia contains a requirement for three years either of one world language or two years of two languages; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech currently has an undergraduate admission language study requirement of 2 years of a single foreign or classical language; and

WHEREAS, students who do not meet this admission requirement can still be admitted and their graduation is contingent on satisfactory earning of six semester hours of college-level foreign or classical language credit in addition to any other language requirements of their degree; and

WHEREAS, the course credits from fulfillment of this requirement do not count toward the minimum number of credits required for graduation; and

WHEREAS, upon review of three cohorts of students from 2017-2019 (N=23,684) only 232 took courses at Virginia Tech to meet the requirement; and

WHEREAS, the University Registrar currently has custom programs to determine if a student has met this requirement in order to be cleared for graduation; and

WHEREAS, this custom program will not be available once the student information system (Banner) is moved to a SaaS hosted environment; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of the language requirement at admission does not eliminate

or preclude additional foreign or classical language courses as part of a specific degree requirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the language study requirement be enforced at the time of admission.