Effective secondary (middle and high school) teachers must be knowledgeable in the content area in which they wish to teach. The list of courses below represents the content knowledge that serves as the foundation for secondary Foreign Language curriculum. This list has been developed by content area faculty at PSU in consultation with the Graduate School of Education and the professional organizations that develop secondary content standards.

All applicants to the Graduate Teacher Education Program (GTEP) must provide evidence of their content knowledge in middle or high school Foreign Language by completing these courses or their equivalent prior to applying to the GTEP program. Applicants must go through a transcript review process with the Foreign Language Secondary Content Area Advisor who will determine their content knowledge and complete a Departmental Recommendation Form. Courses listed as required on the Departmental Recommendation Form are considered program prerequisites and must be completed before GTEP begins. Students must earn a grade of B- or better in these prerequisites.

Visit the GTEP website for additional GTEP prerequisites and test requirements, pdx.edu/ci/gtep-prerequisites-and-tests.

Students who plan to teach a Foreign Language at the middle or high school level should complete a baccalaureate degree in a foreign language taught in Oregon schools. These include: French, German, Spanish, Japanese or Russian.

Requirements for Foreign Languages
- Coursework equivalent to the 52 credits required for a major in one foreign language at PSU
- A 3.00 GPA in the last 40 of the above 52 credits earned
- An oral proficiency rating of advanced high or higher on the ACTFL scale in French, German, or Spanish, or a rating of intermediate high or higher in Japanese or Russian
- For Japanese, training in Japanese teaching methods

Recommended for Foreign Languages
- Upper division credits in their chosen language beyond the minimum of 52 required
- Time spent in a relevant program abroad
- As many of the following as possible: phonetics, general linguistics, applied linguistics, culture and civilization, practicum, and methods of teaching foreign languages

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