1. **Can an SAT essay score of 6 or higher on each of the 3 sections exempt you from ENGW 103?**

You can meet the English Writing requirement by scoring a minimum of 6 on each category (reading, analysis, and writing) of the SAT Essay Exam taken on or after March 1, 2016. Please check out this Advanced credit by testing chart that explains all of the AP/SAT scores: https://www.wheaton.edu/media/registrar/first-year-advising/AdvancedCreditbyTesting_2020-2021_March2020.pdf

2. **Is BITH 315 the only class to fulfill the Christian Thought requirement?**

BITH 315 is taken by most students to meet the Christian Thought requirement. BITH 376 is only offered through the Wheaton in Chicago program but meets the Christian Thought requirement. Bible and Philosophy majors take BITH 374 as the Christian Thought requirement.

3. **If you finish a 201 language class successfully, do you meet competency or is there a competency exam to follow after you complete the class?**

Students completing the language requirement must take and pass with a C- or above a semester-long (four-credit) course in a modern or classical language at Wheaton at the intermediate level (201) or above (upper division, 300-level) to satisfy the requirement. Once you have met the requirement, there are no additional competency exams required.

4. **Do I have the option to start a new language from the beginning instead of continuing the language taken from high school?**

Yes, you do have the option of starting a new language. Elementary level courses are offered for all modern and classical languages.

5. **Does the speech for the oral communication competency exam have to be memorized?**

You would be required to design and deliver an eight-minute persuasive speech. They explicitly ask that you not memorize the speech. For more information on the Oral Communication competency exam requirement, visit: https://www.wheaton.edu/academics/programs/communication/welcome/speech-competency/ . You will be required to log into your Wheaton portal to access this information.

6. **Where do I find information on the competency test for language?**

 Students who are attempting to fulfill the language competency requirement via an LTI OPI or OPIc test (for modern languages) or by departmental competency exam (for classical languages) must register online to take a language competency test. For more information, visit:

7. **Can I use a language not offered at Wheaton to test out and fulfill the language requirement?**

The Modern and Classical Languages department has a full list of languages that can be used to meet the competency requirement beyond the courses offered at Wheaton. Visit their website at: https://www.wheaton.edu/academics/programs/modern-and-classical-languages/

8. **What is the difference between the language PLACEMENT and COMPETENCY exam?**

Placement and competency exams are not the same. The language placement exam is taken by incoming students to enroll in a modern or classical language course. The Language competency exams is available to students who wish to fulfil the requirement. Please visit the Modern and Classical Languages website to learn more about the differences between placement and competency testing or to sign up for a test at: https://www.wheaton.edu/academics/programs/modern-and-classical-languages/core-language-competency-requirement-/

9. **Are the courses listed one semester classes?**

Semester courses are for 16 weeks (full semester) or 8 weeks (A Quad or B Quad). When looking at a course schedule, note the dates the class is offered. The two-hour courses are eligible to be A or B Quad courses, but not all two-hour courses are offered as Quad courses.

10. **Which general education courses are required for conservatory students?**

Conservatory students should refer to the CATC General Education Checklist for Conservatory of Music for the most up to date information.

11. **Can 3 tags be applied to each major for double majors?**

When you apply the Thematic Core tags, you can use up to 3 tags for each major to count toward both the Christ at the Core general education requirements and the major requirement. With a single major, 3 Thematic Core tags could apply to both the CATC general education requirements and the major.

12. **Does the CORE 100- Living & Learning with COVID-19 have any thematic tags?**

This CORE 100 course does not meet any Thematic tags.

13. **Could taking instrumental lessons count towards the VPA credits?**

Instrumental lessons do not count towards the VPA requirement.

14. **Do any classes carry more than two tags?**

Courses may carry up to two Thematic Core tags. There are no courses that carry more than two tags and not all courses carry a Thematic Core tag.

15. **If I have questions about my AP credits and college credits, should I reach out to the academic advising office?**

If you have any questions about Advance Placement or college credits, visit How-to Transfer Credit at: https://www.wheaton.edu/academics/services/academic-advising-office/how-to-transfer-credit/. If you have any additional questions you may contact the Academic Advising Office at Academic.advising@wheaton.edu.

16. **How many courses are required to meet each Thematic Core tag?**

Only one course is required to meet a Thematic Core tag. Some courses at Wheaton meet two themes with one course. Be sure to look at the attributes in the course schedule to identify which courses meet which tags. All courses that carry a Thematic Core tag are 4-hour courses. The Visual Performing Arts

VPA thematic tag can be met with a 4-hour VPA course or with two 2-hour partial tags: VPAV/VPAM/VPAT. Two of these three partial tags meet the requirement for the VPA theme. See the [CATC General Education Checklist](#) for more information.

17. What is Degree Works and when am I able to gain access?

Degree Works is an on-line, web-based tool designed to help students navigate successfully to degree completion. You should have gained access to Degree Works after your confirmed admittance to Wheaton College. To access Degree Works, log in via the Wheaton Portal at: https://portal.wheaton.edu.

18. When will we get our time tickets for registration and how do I locate it?

Time tickets for registration are assigned on a weekly basis in the order of the submission of your First-Year Student Questionnaire.

https://www.wheaton.edu/media/academics/academic-advising/How-to-find-your-time-ticket.pdf

19. Is the course schedule PDF listing all classes up-to-date for 2020, or will it change over the next couple of weeks?

At the time of printing the PDF was up-to-date and complete. Every semester there are changes that cannot be predicted, so we suggest you use the look up classes feature in Banner Self-Service for the most up-to-date information.

20. Are there separate minor academic plans?

There are only Major Academic Plans (MAPs) for all Majors. For information on minors, please visit the department's website of your area of interest or look at the [catalog](#).

21. How does the accelerated masters program fit into undergraduate programs?

For information on accelerated masters programs, visit: https://www.wheaton.edu/graduate-school/admissions/accelerated-ma/

22. When will students with dual enrollment credit know specifically how/whether those classes transfer and what requirements they meet?

Dual enrollment transcripts are processed in the order received. Students are notified via email once transcripts have been processed.

23. Due to the delay for 2020 AP exams, how should we register for courses that require that AP credit as a prerequisite?

We encourage those who have pending AP scores to continue to register based on how you think you scored on your AP exams. You will be able make necessary schedule changes once your AP credits are updated in Degree Works.

24. Have returning students already signed up for classes? Or when do they sign up for classes

Returning students registered for their fall courses in mid-spring.

25. **How do IB or SAT credits transfer?**

For information on dual enrollment, AP, IB or SAT transfer credits, visit:
https://www.wheaton.edu/academics/services/academic-advising-office/how-to-transfer-credit/

26. **If you have four years of foreign language in high school (with good grades), do you still have to take a competency test for the foreign language requirement at Wheaton?**

Please contact the Modern and Language Department for questions on meeting language competency and determine if you would need a placement test or a competency test at:
https://www.wheaton.edu/academics/programs/modern-and-classical-languages/

27. **What is the end date for fall 2020 semester classes?**

The last day of fall semester classes is December 11th.

https://www.wheaton.edu/academics/academic-calendar/