We strongly suggest that students complete their language requirement within their first two years at Brandeis University. We make this suggestion for three reasons: 
1) to enable you to take full advantage of skills developed in secondary school;  
2) to alleviate the stress of not being able to get into classes late in your career at Brandeis and running the risk of not graduating on time;  
3) to give yourself the time necessary to complete a major or minor in your language if you discover an interest in studying language.

Once students have begun taking courses for their language requirement at Brandeis, we recommend that they continue through the sequence until they have finished. This approach allows students to perform at the highest level possible in these classes.

Students are allowed to enroll in 10 and 20 using the Pass/Fail option; however, we strongly recommend that whenever possible students avoid using their Pass/Fail option for language courses. This option is not available for 30-level courses (31, 32, 33 or 34). Students who enroll on a Pass/Fail basis frequently give less priority to their language study, which can create serious gaps in knowledge and can jeopardize success in future language courses.

Students who pass a 30-level course (31, 32, 33 or 34) and who would like extra work to strengthen their skills at this level are allowed to enroll for credit in a differently numbered course.

After completing the language requirement, we recommend that you follow these pathways to upper-level study:

**Spanish:**
Students must enroll first in 105 or 108 (for heritage speakers who speak Spanish but have no formal training in the language); either course fulfills the prerequisite for 106. The 106 or 108 course is a prerequisite for all Spanish courses numbered 109 and above.

**Italian:**
Students can enroll in either 105 or 106, although it is recommended that students enroll in 105 first if possible.

**French:**
Students are allowed to enroll in 104, 105 or 106 directly after a 30-level course. However, we strongly recommend that students enroll in 104 or 105 before 106. The 104 and 105 courses help students strengthen their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills before entering the 106 course.