Over the next two academic years, Boston University Academy will pilot two programs to allow for modern language study as part of its curriculum.

Pilot #1: Online Modern Language Courses for 9th and 10th graders

Students entering 9th grade or returning as 10th graders will be able to study an online modern language course as an additional sixth course of study.

- Students who choose to enroll in this pilot will continue to study classical language and the other grade-level requirements. This online modern language course would be in addition to the course requirements.
- Students will need to apply to participate in this program by submitting an application with their registration forms due on April 1 (or late April for new students) that notes their interest in taking a modern language and addresses the student’s maturity in being able to handle the responsibilities of an increased course of study. A committee of the academic administrative team will review the applications for appropriate placement levels, good academic standing in prior coursework, and maturity.
- BUA will coordinate the online language program. Students will take any placement tests as needed through the online provider. BUA staff will oversee the course completion and will monitor course pacing and student work through weekly meetings.
- These courses will appear on BUA transcripts as part of a student’s course of study.
- Students will pay an additional fee for the course. Need-based financial aid will be available for families who qualify.
- BUA has contracted with Middlebury Interactive Languages to implement the online courses.

Pilot #2: Advanced Modern Language Course at BU for returning 10th graders

Students who will be returning as 10th graders to BU Academy in the 2016-17 Academic year, will have an opportunity to take Advanced Modern Language (third semester or above) at Boston University instead of the second or third year of classical language at BUA.

- Students will need to apply for this pilot program by taking a BU-sponsored language placement test and submitting an application (due April 1) which notes their interest and experience in the language and addresses the student’s maturity in being able to handle the responsibilities of a University course. A committee of the academic administrative team will review the applications for appropriate placement levels, good academic standing in BUA coursework, and maturity in the BUA program.
- Students will need to place into the third semester of BU Modern Language (211-level or above) to qualify for the program. The student would have to have studied the equivalent of two years of high school modern language and show that level of competency on the BU modern language placement test. All placement tests must be taken by April 1.
- Students would be notified in early April of their ability to participate in this program. This timing ensures that students will receive priority registration for the BU courses for the fall semester.

Elisha Meyer, Asst. Director of Advancement, will oversee the implementation and assessment of the Online Language Pilot; Ellen Evans, Asst. Director of College Counseling, will oversee the Advanced Modern Language Pilot at BU. The goal is to evaluate the success of these programs over the 2017 and 2018 academic years to determine the evolution of modern language programming at BU Academy as curricular offerings.