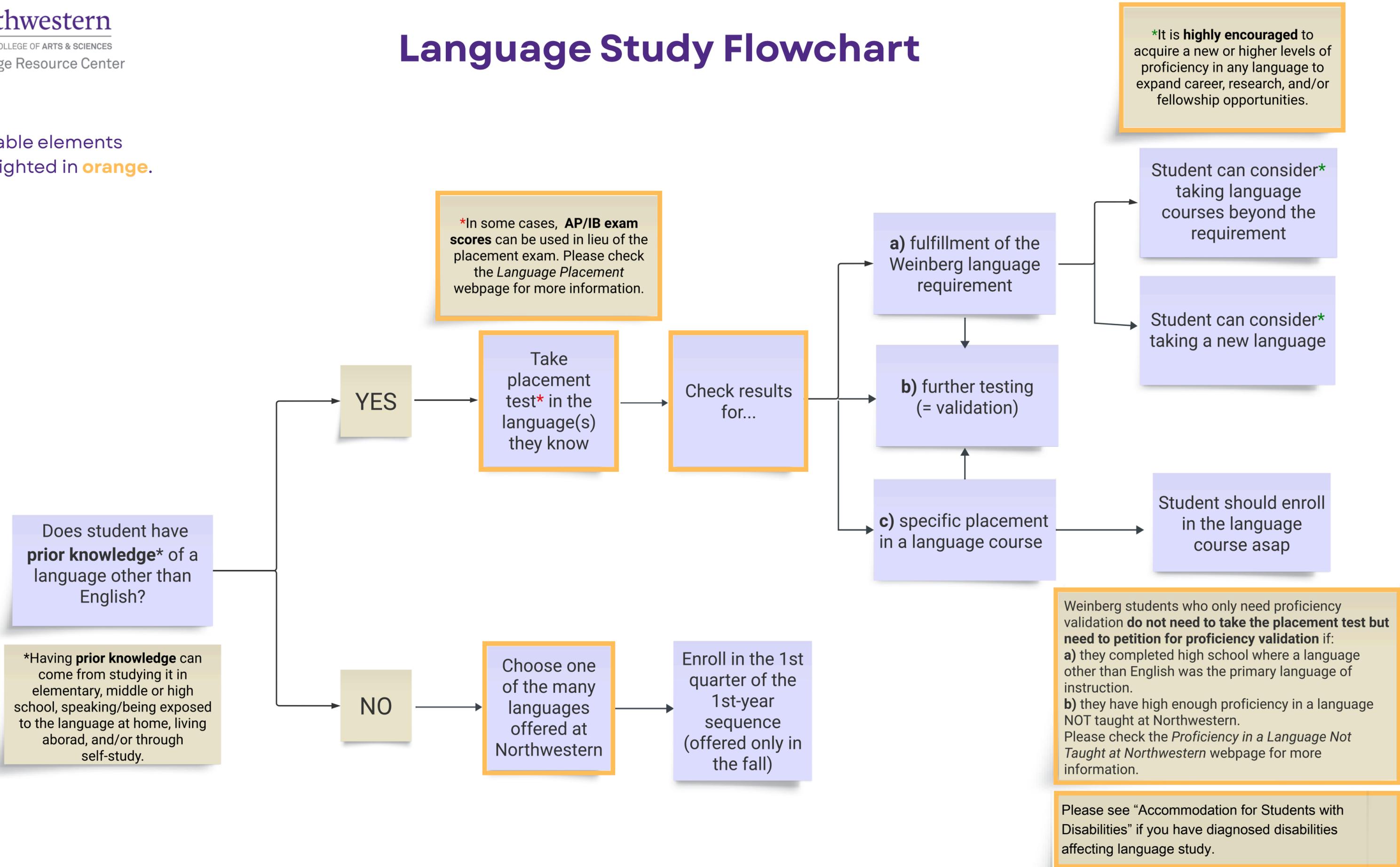


Language Study Flowchart

Clickable elements highlighted in orange.



*It is **highly encouraged** to acquire a new or higher levels of proficiency in any language to expand career, research, and/or fellowship opportunities.

*In some cases, **AP/IB exam scores** can be used in lieu of the placement exam. Please check the *Language Placement* webpage for more information.

Does student have **prior knowledge*** of a language other than English?

YES

Take placement test* in the language(s) they know

Check results for...

a) fulfillment of the Weinberg language requirement

Student can consider* taking language courses beyond the requirement

Student can consider* taking a new language

b) further testing (= validation)

c) specific placement in a language course

Student should enroll in the language course asap

*Having **prior knowledge** can come from studying it in elementary, middle or high school, speaking/being exposed to the language at home, living abroad, and/or through self-study.

NO

Choose one of the many languages offered at Northwestern

Enroll in the 1st quarter of the 1st-year sequence (offered only in the fall)

Weinberg students who only need proficiency validation **do not need to take the placement test but need to petition for proficiency validation** if:
a) they completed high school where a language other than English was the primary language of instruction.
b) they have high enough proficiency in a language NOT taught at Northwestern.
 Please check the *Proficiency in a Language Not Taught at Northwestern* webpage for more information.

Please see "Accommodation for Students with Disabilities" if you have diagnosed disabilities affecting language study.