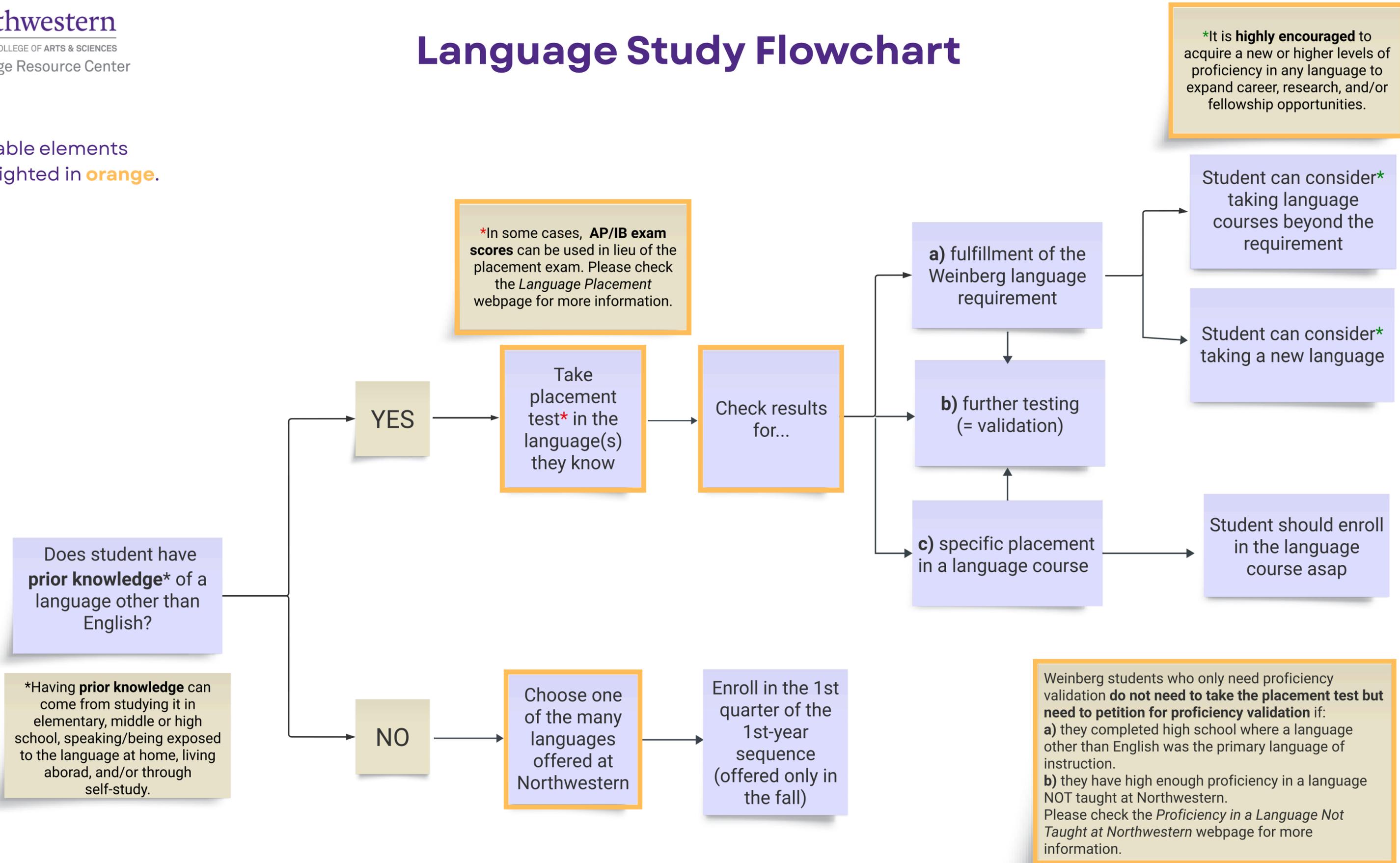


# Language Study Flowchart

Clickable elements highlighted in orange.



\*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.

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

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

\*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.

YES

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

Check results for...

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)

a) fulfillment of the Weinberg language requirement

b) further testing (= validation)

c) specific placement in a language course

Student can consider\* taking language courses beyond the requirement

Student can consider\* taking a new language

Student should enroll in the language course asap

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.