

Modern Language Placement

The following are the placement policies implemented by the Department of Modern Languages:

Background	Placement
Students with no prior background or less than one year	1111 fall semester
Students with one or two year prior experience in the language	1112 fall or spring semester (if available)
Students with two or three years prior experience	2211 fall semester
Students with four or more years prior experience	3311 fall semester

Notes:

- Persuade students to being at the levels suggested above. Students may drop back a level if they find that they have been placed too high. **As incentive, students who initially enroll in the any level beyond the first semester, may test out of the levels skipped and apply for those credits.**
- **The Department does not administer a formal placement test.** Students having questions about placement should the department chair, during the summer or immediately after the semester begins.
- **Language majors or minors**
- Beginning students majoring or minoring in a second language should begin with the fall course to get into the sequence. First semester courses (with the exception of the course at the elementary level) are offered only in the Fall.
- Students should visit with a department faculty representative during SOAR to verify appropriate placement. The Department of Modern Languages no longer administers a specific placement test. Students visit with the chair or designated representative and a recommendation is made for proper placement within a sequence.

For students in general – not necessarily those majoring in a language:

- Students should not take courses that include material that they have already covered in high school courses. They should be encouraged to build on what they already know. Students are generally afraid of getting in over their heads, which is over the level of their capabilities. But the quick chat with the chair should answer any questions they may have. Do not advise student to begin with 1111 if they have had language instruction in high school.