

Guidelines and Procedures
for Foreign Language Course Placement

- Students who have taken French or Spanish in high school and who wish to enroll in their first college-level French or Spanish class must take the ACT Foreign Language Placement Examination. Initial course placement is based solely upon the examination score. Instructors have the autonomy to move a student up or down, based upon the student's demonstrated level of competence.
- Students who have not taken French or Spanish in high school do not take the exam. They enroll in either French 101 or Spanish 101.
- Students who have successfully completed college-level French or Spanish classes at another institution of higher education do not take the exam. They should enroll in the appropriate class based upon what course(s) they have completed.
- Native speakers who have no academic background in the language may choose to take the examination. If they do not take the exam, they must enroll in either French 101 or Spanish 101. If they do take the exam, they must enroll in the appropriate class as determined by the placement score.
- Students may not appeal the examination score.
- Students may retest after six months.
- Scores are valid for one year.
- The Foreign Language Placement Examination is for placement only. Students interested in taking the French or Spanish proficiency exam should contact Division Chair, Liberal Arts.
- Students wishing to schedule a Foreign Language Placement Examination should call Christine Scudera-Ashikyan at 443-8708. Students are allowed 1 hour and 15 minutes to complete the examination.

Examination Cutoff Scores* and Course Placement for French and Spanish

French	
Score	Course Placement
30 - 50	French 101
51 - 62	French 102
63 - 71	French 103
72 - 82	French 104
Spanish	
Score	Course Placement
30 - 44	Spanish 101
45 - 67	Spanish 102
68 - 70	Spanish 103
71 - 86	Spanish 104

* The French and Spanish instructors and the Division Chair for Liberal Arts will monitor and evaluate these initial cutoff scores and adjust them as needed.