

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REVISED: JUNE 18, 2015

PLACEMENT AND CREDIT POLICY FOR LANGUAGE COURSES:

Any student who has taken two or more years of French or Spanish courses in high school must take the Department Placement Exam. Test scores will be sent to the Department of Languages where appropriate placement levels will be determined according to the Placement chart below. **THE TEST MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE STUDENT'S ARRIVAL AT THE UNIVERSITY.**

All students must take the Language Placement Exam prior to registering for a language course. Placement will be contingent upon their years of previous language study and the WebCAPE Placement score that corresponds to the student's test score, according to the following chart. Native speakers and students with 3 or more years of language study cannot register for the 1010 level of the language they have studied previously. The recommended level of entry is 2010 or above, since 2010 reviews all previous language study. These students may also enter 1090, which is a Conversation and Culture course that reviews basic grammatical and communicative skills in a cultural context. They may also enroll in the 1010-1020 sequence in a language they have not studied in high school.

Placement score	RECOMMENDED	
	FREN or SPAN Placement	FREN or SPAN credit awarded
0-99	1010	
100-175	1020	1010
176-235	1090	1020
236-299	2010	1020
300-399	2020	2010
400 or higher	3000 + level	2020

Transfer students with previous language study at the 1020 level or above documented on the transcript may receive credit for 1010 in that language.

Students will be required to complete at least one course at Xavier, at a level appropriate to the placement score with a grade of 'C' or better, before the preceding placement course credit of three hours is granted.

Since the choice of a language is closely tied to personal career goals and inclinations, the language faculty is prepared upon request to assist in the selection of that language. Students who have prior preparation in a language and who wish to continue study of the same language may also use Advanced Placement (AP), CLEP, and International Baccalaureate (IB) scores for credit and placement in upper-level courses. See "Credit by Examination" on the university web site for further details (<http://www.xula.edu/cas/credit.php>). Students with six hours of AP or CLEP credits in a language may use these credits as electives or to meet the Fundamentals Core requirement as well as for placement in upper-level language courses.

Note: Any exception to this policy requires written permission from the Languages Department Head.