

Modern Foreign Languages Advising Guidelines

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Initial placement into WLC courses:

1. Students with NO previous study in the language should begin with SPA 101, FRE 101. Students with no previous language study are not required to take the placement test.
2. Spanish 101 courses are offered in the fall, spring, and summer.
3. French 101 course is offered in the fall semester only, so it is important that students new to these languages begin in the fall. Otherwise the student will have to wait until the following year to begin the sequence.
4. All students with previous study of the Spanish or French in high school or college or with immersion experience/coursework abroad must take the online placement test. (See next page).
5. All native and heritage speakers (students who speak the language in their country of origin or at home) must take the placement test to determine their appropriate first course. (See next page).

After the student takes the online placement test (instructions on next page) and presents you with the print out of his or her score, please have student enroll in the appropriate course following the table below. It is advisable that the student speaks with the professor of the course on or before the first day of class to verify correct enrollment.

The table below serves as the guide for course selection based on the student's online placement exam score. No placement should deviate from these standards without prior consent of the professor of the particular course.

| Language / Course | Placement Test Score Results / Ranges |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| French: | |
| FRE 101 | 0-250 |
| FRE 102 | 251-300 |
| FRE 201 | 301-350 |
| FRE 202 | 351 - 400 |
| Spanish: | |
| SPA 101 | 0-295 |
| SPA 102 | 296-355 |
| SPA 201 | 356-439 |
| SPA 202 | 440 - 500 |
| SPA 235 | 440 + above (Heritage speakers only) |

WLC PLACEMENT EXAM INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

The Department of Modern Foreign Languages requires all students with previous language study, as well as native and heritage speakers, to complete an online computer-adaptive language placement test to determine the appropriate course for beginning language study at The College. The placement test takes approximately 20-30 minutes, depending on your level. It should be completed before meeting with your advisor to discuss enrollment.

To take the test, follow these instructions:

1. Log on to any computer and enter the following web address in your browser:

<http://bit.ly/2MXB9g9>

2. Create a free account and then sign in using the same credentials

3. Select the appropriate test: French or Spanish

4. Take the pre-test survey about your language background

5. Then take the placement test. Read the directions and complete the test to the best of your ability

6. Each student should take the test only once. The first placement test score will determine entrance level in the language; other scores will be discarded.

Please note: The College of Idaho is a community of integrity; therefore, we seek to promulgate a community in which honesty is valued, expected, and practiced. Please refrain from cheating, or any misrepresentation on this exam. Use of dictionaries, the internet, or other language aids is not allowed.

7. When you finish your test, print a copy of the score page to bring to your meeting with your advisor. Your advisor will verify your correct placement in a WLC course and approve you for registration. You should be able to enroll in the advised course on Self-Service directly, without completing an Add/Drop slip.

8. If you have additional questions about language placement, please contact the WLC Department Chair.