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## FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT INFORMATION

### INTRODUCTORY LEVELS for French and Spanish:

1. 104 is for students with SOME previous training in the language. This 5-hour credit course satisfies the Gen Ed requirement.  
104 is an intensive ONE-semester elementary course which offers a rapid review of 101-level material followed by a thorough review of 102-level material.
2. 101 is for students with NO previous knowledge of the language. Completion of the 10-hour 101-102 sequence in FR, ITA or SPA satisfies the Gen Ed requirement.  
Completion of 101 alone does NOT satisfy Gen Ed the requirement.

*All levels of language courses are taught in the target language.*

### INTERMEDIATE LEVEL for French and Spanish:

1. 151 is for students with 3-4 years of high school language but who do not feel ready for upper-level course work or a continuation course for those who successfully completed 104 OR 101-102.  
Students who have 4-5 years of high school language with a B or above average as well as students with AP-level coursework but who did not take the AP exam are strongly encouraged to start at a HIGHER level. The 200-level courses are the recommended starting point for these students.

### HERITAGE SPEAKERS OF SPANISH:

Introductory level course: SPA 171 (satisfies Gen Ed requirement)

This intro course is for students with home knowledge of the language but no formal education in Spanish. The student need not be able to read, write or speak fluently before enrolling.

For intermediate level course contact the language coordinator.

NATIVE SPEAKERS of a foreign language are not allowed in introductory or intermediate courses if they were schooled in a country in which the language of instruction was the language in question.

- Students who have completed coursework in French, Italian or Spanish either at UB or another college will not be allowed to register in a proficiency level lower than that already completed.
- Students repeating a course in which a failing grade was received must do so prior to registering in a higher-level course.
- Students with special circumstances or who have been away from the language for some time must contact the language coordinator for adequate placement.

**WARNING:** The department will unregister (drop) students who attempt to take courses for which they are ineligible or over-prepared.

Sample syllabi available at: <http://rll.buffalo.edu/rll/syllabi.shtml>

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