

CSU Language Advising

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Placement

Upon enrolling at CSU, students should take either the Spanish or French Placement Exam. The exam only takes about 15 minutes and should be scheduled by emailing testingcenter@csuniv.edu

Placement scores are reported to the Chair of the Dept. of Languages and the Registrar.

Course Options

Students who test into 202, 201 or 120 may take the course specified OR the course immediately preceding it. For example, a student testing into SPAN 201 should enroll in either SPAN 201 or SPAN 120.

Students who test into a level higher than 202 do not have to take a language core class, but they may take a 300-level course. There may be other requirements depending on their major.

At the 100-level, students may take FREN 110, SPAN 110, SPAN 111, or SPAN 113. All of these courses count as a beginning language credit.

Co-requisite Lab

When taking any of the 100-level language courses, students are also expected to enroll in a culture lab (SPAN 110L or FREN 110L).

The lab may be taken for **zero credit** (pass/fail) or for **one credit hour**. The advisor should choose the correct section when enrolling each student. PLEASE CHECK WITH STUDENTS TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW WHICH COURSE THEY ARE ENROLLED IN. The work is the same.

If necessary, the lab and the language course may be taken in separate semesters.

Other helpful information:

- Generally, students may not take courses at other institutions if we are offering the equivalent course at CSU.
- The culture labs are taught in English, and students may have different professors for the language course and the lab—even when taking the courses during the same semester.
- Please do not wait until the last semester to fulfill 200-level credits in majors requiring intermediate-level study.
- For questions concerning CLEP, Advanced Placement and the South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy, please email either the CSU Registrar or Dr. Hannah Sullivan (hsullivan@csuniv.edu).