

What is the SC Seal of Biliteracy?

The SC Seal of Biliteracy is a nationally recognized credential granted by the South Carolina Department of Education certifying a students' high proficiency in English and at least one other world language. The Seal is earned when the student has attained a minimum of a 3.0 ELA GPA and at least an *intermediate mid-level* of proficiency in a language other than English. The latter is assessed in their Junior and Senior year of high school through state-approved, nationally recognized, proficiency-based assessment, such as the ACTFL Assessment of Performance towards Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) or the AVANT Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP 4S), among others.

SC Seal of Biliteracy Score as Placement Tool

SC Seal of Biliteracy Proficiency Scores can be used in lieu of the French or Spanish Placement Exams for initial placement in a language class. Students with the following proficiency can be placed in the following classes:

Seal of Biliteracy Score*	Initial Placement	Retroactive Credit upon Receipt of a "B" or Higher in Initial Placement
Bronze- Intermediate Mid	201- level	SPAN 110 and SPAN 120
Silver- Intermediate High	202 - level	SPAN 120 and SPAN 201
Gold- Advanced Low	300 - level	SPAN 120, SPAN 201 and SPAN 202

*The proficiency levels are based on ACTFL guidelines. The students' proficiency is determined by the *lowest score* received in all 4 skills (Ex: if a student received an Intermedia High in reading, writing and listening but an Intermediate Mid in speaking- the student has earned the Bronze Seal)

SC Seal of Biliteracy and College Credit

After initial placement with the SC Seal of Biliteracy, students may obtain credit for Elementary French or Spanish (110, 120) and Intermediate French or Spanish (201, 202) upon completion of the appropriate course with a grade of "B" or higher. Credit will not be given for courses for which university credit has been awarded previously. No grade is assigned to this credit.

Recognizing the SC Seal of Biliteracy as a placement tool and for credit saves students money and encourages students to take upper-level language courses upon entry into the university. Students can, therefore, complete majors and minors more quickly.

CSU will not recognize SC Seal of Biliteracy placement for languages not offered at our institution.