

Placement Policy for the Department of Languages and Literatures, UNC Asheville

Note: For placement in **Ancient Languages (Greek, Hebrew or Latin)** contact the Department of Classics (828-251-6466).

As part of the LAC Learning Foundations component of the curriculum, and in view of the institutional commitment to diversity, all students at UNC Asheville are required to fulfill a second language requirement by demonstrating competence through the first-year level or above. This can be done either through a placement exam or through completion of the appropriate level course work. **French and Spanish** placements are administrated via **Web Computer Adapted Placement Exam (WebCAPE)** offered in the Languages and Literatures office; or at **EMBARK** Orientation in June. Upon completion of the exam, you will receive your score. In the case of German or Portuguese, you will be referred to one of the professors for placement.

Native or heritage speakers are those who were raised speaking a language(s) other than English or may have lived in a country where another language was spoken aside from English for an extended period of time. Native and heritage speakers may choose to take the WebCAPE (Spanish or French); or meet with the Department Chair to assess their language proficiency level, appropriate placement or establish fulfillment of the foreign language requirement.

Transfer students who have received UNC Asheville credit for foreign language courses taken at their institution of origin do not need to take a placement exam. If the credit received is for two semesters of the language, the foreign language requirement is fulfilled. If it is for one semester, the student must still complete a second semester in the language.

Register in the 110 level if any of the following apply:

- You have never studied the language before or have less than two units in the language on your high school transcript;
- You did not pass the 110 course;
- You last studied the language more than 5 years ago;
- Your score on the WebCAPE is between 0-178 for Spanish or French;
- A faculty member for German or Portuguese assigns you to this level.

Register in 130 if any of the following apply:

- You have two or more units in the language on your high school transcript;
- Your score on the WebCAPE is between 179-259 for Spanish or French;
- A faculty member for German or Portuguese assigns you to this level.

- **Spanish students who successfully completed SPAN 110 need to register for SPAN 130 to complete their language requirement.**

Register in the 120 level (for French, German, and Portuguese) if any of the following apply:

- You successfully passed the 110 course;
- Your score on the WebCAPE is between 260-325 (for French);
- A faculty member for German or Portuguese assigns you to this level.

Register in the 230 level (210 in German, Portuguese, and Spanish) if any of the following apply:

- You successfully passed a 120 or 130 course;
- Your score on the WebCAPE is between 326 and 414;
- A faculty member for German or Portuguese assigns you to this level.

Register in the 220 level (German, Portuguese, Spanish) if any of the following apply:

- You successfully passed the 210 course;
- A faculty member for German or Portuguese assigns you to this level.

Register in a 300 or 400 level course if any of the following apply:

- You successfully passed the 220 or the 230 course;
- Your score on the WebCAPE is 494 or higher for Spanish or French. (Students must contact the Languages and Literatures Department for faculty advising on the best course to take);
- A faculty member for German or Portuguese assigns you to this level. (Students should make an appointment with the Chair of the Department for advice on the best course to take).

A WebCAPE placement score of 326 or higher in French or Spanish means that your foreign language requirement is fulfilled without further course work. In the case of German or Portuguese, the faculty member assessing your language proficiency will determine if your level is sufficient to fulfill the foreign language requirement.