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LANGUAGE PLACEMENT INFORMATION

The following policies apply to all languages offered through the Department of Linguistics. Individual language programs may also have additional policies. Students should check the website of the program or contact the director or primary instructor to be sure that they are aware of all applicable policies.

1. Language courses numbered 101 and 191 are for students with NO previous knowledge of the language. Completion of the 101-102 or 191-192 sequence satisfies the Gen Ed language requirement. Completion of 101 or 191 alone does not satisfy the requirement. In languages that have a 104 course, this course satisfies the Gen Ed language requirement by itself.
2. Native speakers of a foreign language are not allowed in introductory or intermediate courses if they were schooled in a country in which that language was the language of instruction. Students with native or near-native fluency in a language should consult with the director or primary instructor in the language program to determine if there are any courses that would be appropriate for them.
3. Students who have completed coursework in a language either at UB or at another college will not be allowed to register in a proficiency level lower than that already completed.
4. Students repeating a course in which a failing grade was received must do so prior to registering in a higher-level course.
5. Students with special circumstances or who have been away from the language for some time must contact the director or primary instructor in the language program for appropriate placement.

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