

How to choose the correct Spanish or French course

Welcome to foreign language classes at Genesee! Learning another language is a rewarding and career enhancing opportunity and we strive to make it both enjoyable and effective for you. In order to provide you with the best possible instruction, it is important that you choose the language level that is right for you based on your prior experience with the language. Below you will find a flow start designed to help you choose which level will start you on the path to success with your chosen language.

If you received a grade of 85 or better on a NYS Foreign Language Regents or Regional Exam at Checkpoint B, then you have already fulfilled the SUNY General Education Foreign Language requirement. However, many majors and transfer institutions require more foreign language, so please talk with an advisor about your specific program. Also, if you have a gap in your studies, you may need to repeat a level to bring your skills up to date.

If you have any questions about which foreign language class is right for you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Why study a foreign language anyway?

- Did you know that according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the employment of translators and interpreters in the country is expected to increase by 22 percent between 2008 and 2018?
- If you are interested in using your language skills on the job check out this article about six of the most popular jobs for bilingual workers. <http://benta-jobs-monster.blogspot.com/2012/11/eight-industries-for-bilingual-workers.html#.Vk47MlLmjil>
- Even if you are not planning on reaching a fluent language level, you may be surprised how learning at the introductory level can open doors for you in the future.
- See this link for some reasons to study a foreign language: <http://www.lingholic.com/ten-amazing-reasons-learn-foreign-language/>
- Certain majors and particular colleges and universities require advanced study of a foreign language. If you know where you are headed, check out the language requirements and work on getting them completed while you are here at GCC.

Get excited about the opportunities and come join us for a language class at Genesee!



Genesee Community College Foreign Language Placement Guide for students with prior experience

