

### **III.F.**

## **SECOND LANGUAGE RULE**

### **III.F.1. SECOND LANGUAGE RULE REQUIREMENT**

The School of Arts, Media, and Communication requires that all BA and BS degree programs include six semester hours in a foreign language, excepting only the Bachelor of Fine Arts and the Bachelor of Music degrees.

### **III.F.2. SECOND LANGUAGE ADVISING PROCEDURE**

The following information has been devised to help First Year students meet the SAMC Foreign Language requirement.

SAMC requires all majors to demonstrate a proficiency level in a Foreign language other than English that is equal to two semesters of university level foreign language at TAMU-CC. The following placement scale has been devised as a preliminary guide to advising students to achieve the required level of proficiency.<sup>1</sup>

1. Students with three years of High School language and a B average or better in their last year automatically satisfy the SAMC language requirement, but do not receive college credit toward graduation. If, however, the student decides to voluntarily continue language instruction she/he should enroll at 2311 course level.
2. Students with three years of High School language and less than a B average in their last year should enroll in 1312 level courses.
3. Students with two years of High School language should enroll in 1311 level courses.
4. Students with two years or less of a High School language and less than a B average in their second year (if they have taken a second year) should enroll in 1311 level courses.
5. Students who are not exempted under provision 1 above, and who have not taken High School or any other instruction in a foreign language in the last two years, should enroll in 1311 level courses.
6. Students wishing to receive college credit for their past language experience, or who would like an alternative placement test to the one offered by College, should

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<sup>1</sup>Students who have not decided on a major and cannot determine their placement by applying the scale described above should contact Dr. Javier Villarreal at (361)825-2698 to arrange for a placement exam.

take the CLEP examination in the language in which they have proficiency. For information on the cost, time, and location of this exam please contact the Testing Center at (361)825-2334.<sup>2</sup>

Placement exams in French, German, and Spanish will be given every semester to test language skills. Contact Dr. J. Villarreal at (361) 825-2698 for additional information about the administration of these exams.

Several levels of Spanish courses will be offered every semester. Students with backgrounds in French or German should enroll in French 1311 or 1312 or German 1311 or 1312 courses during the Spring semesters, take the CLEP exam, or successfully complete (C or better grade) two semesters of their language at another college or university.

Students with High School background in languages other than French, German, or Spanish, who do not satisfy the SAMC language requirement under procedure 1 listed above will need to take the CLEP exam or take two semesters of their chosen language at another college or university.

We strongly urge students who are contemplating continued study in a foreign language for whatever reason to enroll in college level language courses as soon as possible since language skills often erode with lack of use and/or discontinued instruction.

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<sup>2</sup>There are advantages and disadvantages to this test. Students who successfully score at a level beyond the second semester of College-level language proficiency will not only satisfy the College's Foreign language requirement but also will receive six semester hours of college credit toward graduation. On the other hand, the exam is expensive and there is a delay before students receive their test results. This delay makes it imperative that students who choose this option enroll for the exam at least eight weeks before Drop and Add Registration for the semester in which they are enrolling.