DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Placement Exam

♦ **Who needs to take a placement examination?**

Any student who has not satisfied the College's GEN ED foreign language requirement (successful completion of FL 201 or higher*) in one of the following ways:

1. **Successful Completion of four complete years of high school level foreign language**.
2. **Transfer credit** through the **first intermediate level** or its equivalent from another **accredited institution**;
3. **Advanced Placement Exam score of 4 or higher**.

It is advisable to satisfy the foreign language requirements during the first year of college study.
***** Some programs require or encourage successful completion of FL 202: e.g. International Relations major and minor, Latin American Studies minor, Linguistics minor, Modern European Studies minor, Political Science major.
Students pursuing a foreign language major or minor who are not sure where to continue their FL studies at SUNY Geneseo may also take the exam.

♦ **How can I take the placement exam?**

On-line placement examinations are available in **French, German, Russian and Spanish**. Written exams are available in **Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Latin** or **Russian**.

♦ **When can I take the placement exam?**

The placement exam is offered in Milne Library during **Summer and Spring Orientation**.

♦ **Does everyone who wants to register for a language course have to take a placement examination?**

No. The following guidelines may be used for placing into courses:

101 Elementary I	Never studied the language before
102 Elementary II	Studied 1 or 2 years in high school*
201 Intermediate I	Studied 2 or 3 years in high school
202 Intermediate II	Studied 3 or 4 years in high school

***** **Two years of middle school** study are generally the equivalent **of one year of high school** study.
Students who feel that their high school transcript may not represent their true level of competency in one of the languages taught at Geneseo are encouraged to take a placement examination. Students are also welcome to confer with a specialist in the Department, if necessary: Welles 211, X5247.

♦ **How are the on-line placement exam results evaluated?**

The chart below is used to determine placement based on online exam test scores, however, **a student with a placement score at the extremes of an indicated range should consult a department advisor to consider other factors before shifting to a higher or lower level course.**

	French	German	Russian	Spanish
102	Below 346	Below 417	Below 376	Below 356
201	346-402	417-547	376-599	356-439
202	403-550	548-600	Above 599	440-550
301	Above 550	Above 600		Above 550

Exams in other languages are evaluated by a member of the Department's faculty.