

## Language placement FAQs for advisers

### **Where can my students find the placement exam?**

They can find it by searching **placement exam** in the search bar on the college homepage. Here is the address: <https://www.etown.edu/depts/modern-languages/language-placement.aspx>. All instructions and policies can be found here. Most of the questions that we get from students and their advisers each semester are answered here on this page.

### **Can my student take the placement exam more than once?**

No.

### **How do I see my student's placement exam results?**

You can see their result in your advisee roster on Jayweb, under "Academic History" (scroll down to the bottom). If their placement results are not listed there and the student definitely took the exam, you can contact either the Registrar's Office, Beatrix Kalman [kalmanb@etown.edu](mailto:kalmanb@etown.edu), or Kevin Shorner-Johnson [shornerk@etown.edu](mailto:shornerk@etown.edu).

### **Can they take a different class, other than the one into which they placed?**

They can take a 111 section of a language they have previously studied for 0-2 years, and do not need to take the placement exam in this case. We will check their High School transcripts to verify. Students who places themselves into a level below where they placed by our department will not get credit for that class.

*If they want to take a Spanish, French, or German class and they placed into 112 or higher, they need to register for the class into which they placed & try it; then during the first week of classes they can talk to their instructor if they feel they need to move down or up.*

### **If my student hasn't taken the language for several years can they take a lower level than their placement?**

Please see the previous question above.

### **My student placed into 111 but was told they could not take it. Why?**

Any student who has taken 3 years or more of a language is not permitted to take a 111 class in that language for credit, regardless of their placement results.

### **What is the difference between SP 112 and SP 211?**

The content of these two courses is virtually the same; however, in SP 211 students are expected to be able to use Spanish more (with guidance) and spend less time talking about the Spanish language in English.

### **My student speaks Spanish at home. Can they take a Spanish class for Core credit?**

Any native or heritage speaker of a language must arrange a personal oral interview with the Department of Modern Languages to determine proper placement. (This applies to all the languages Etown offers.)