

DEPARTMENT: Modern Languages

CAMPUS: B, C

CONTACT PERSON: Susan Hall

EXT: x 1827

ADVISING TIPS

GENERAL INFORMATION: EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2011

- **All language courses fulfill the requirements for Humanities, Liberal Arts, and General electives in various programs.**

CO/PRE-REQUISITES FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES:

Beginning I: No pre-requisites

Beginning II: Beginning I

Intermediate I: Beginning II

Intermediate II: Intermediate I

- If students **have not satisfied the necessary prerequisite at Massasoit, they must obtain a waiver from the department** for appropriate placement.
- **When Massasoit students receive a prerequisite waiver, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING CREDIT FOR THAT COURSE. IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT THE DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE STUDENT HAS TAKEN THE EQUIVALENT COURSE ELSEWHERE (OR HAS SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE.)**

- For example, **IF THE MODERN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT WAIVES BEGINNING FRENCH I** for any students, **STUDENTS ARE NOT RECEIVING CREDIT FOR BEGINNING FRENCH I. WE ARE SIMPLY STATING THAT THEY MAY TAKE BEGINNING FRENCH II.**
- **IF STUDENTS WISH TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR PREVIOUSLY TAKEN COURSES, THEY MAY TAKE THE CLEP AT BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY.** (please read further on).
- **THE DEPARTMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION WHEN STUDENTS ARE IN DOUBT ABOUT PLACEMENT** AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL. Please contact **Department Chair Susan Hall** at **(508) 588-9100 X 1827** or at shall@massasoit.mass.edu

TRANSFER CONSIDERATIONS:

All **modern language courses** are transferable.

OTHER:

When the department evaluates students for placement (those who have not fulfilled the prerequisites as stated above), **consideration is given to the students' previous study (formal or otherwise) of the language.** The Department uses the following **general guidelines.**

Beginning Spanish I: These courses are designed for students with **no recent study of the language at the high school level.**

Beginning II: The Department **highly recommends** these courses for **students who have previously studied the language for a minimum of 1-2 years.**

Intermediate I: The Department **highly recommends** these courses for **students who have previously studied the language for a minimum of 2-3 years.**

Intermediate II: The Department **highly recommends** these courses for **students who have previously studied the language for a minimum of 3-4 years.**

- **It is recommended** that **students with heritage language skills** (language is spoken at home, but students may or may not be literate in the language) **speak to a member of the Modern Language department** for **appropriate placement or a waiver.**
- **Students who have completed several years of study in one language** (and wish to satisfy their language requirement without taking formal classes) may wish to consider taking the **CLEP (College-Level Examination Program/**www.collegeboard.org/clep**) test, which is offered through Bridgewater State University.** Contact BSU's **Testing Services** at testing@bridgew.edu or at **(508) 531-1780** for more information. The **CLEP tests** are only available in **French, Spanish, and German.**
 - **The CLEP may also be taken at Massasoit, provided that students have already registered with the College Board** to take any of the 33 CLEP exams offered.

Please note: The **Massasoit test administration fee** is **non-refundable** and **must be paid at appointment.** Exams are **proctored on Wednesdays by appointment only.** To **schedule appointment** or **to register**, please call **X 1991.**

- **It may also be possible to receive language credit through Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). Please contact Patty Lynch, Associate Dean for Experiential Learning at plynch18@massasoit.mass.edu. or at (508) 588-9100 X 1018.**

- **Students who wish to study a particular language but are not interested in taking it for a grade may wish to consider auditing the course. If students audit a course, they pay for the course and attend classes, but are not obliged to do work which will lead to a grade in the course.**