

CALA Credit-Bearing Foreign Languages Advising Guide

FALL 2022 – SPRING 2023

Course Structure

Languages Offered	General schedule	Delivery formats available
American Sign Language (ASL)	111/181(fall), 112/182 (spring) 211 (summer)	In-person Online synchronous
Arabic (ARA)	111/181 (fall), 112/182 (spring) 211 (fall)	Online with required weekly meetings
French (FRE)	111/181, 112/182 211 (summer)	In-person Online with required weekly meetings Online asynchronous
German (GER)	111/181 (fall), 112/182 (spring) 211 (fall)	Online asynchronous with occasional live elements
Spanish (SPA)	111/181, 112/182, 211, 212 221 (spring only, odd years) 231 (spring only)	In-person Online with required weekly meetings Online asynchronous Hybrid Online asynchronous

Students taking 100-level language classes are required to take both class and lab. The two courses are linked. Look for the last digits of the section numbers to find class/lab pairs. Ex., SPA 111-101 with SPA 181-001.

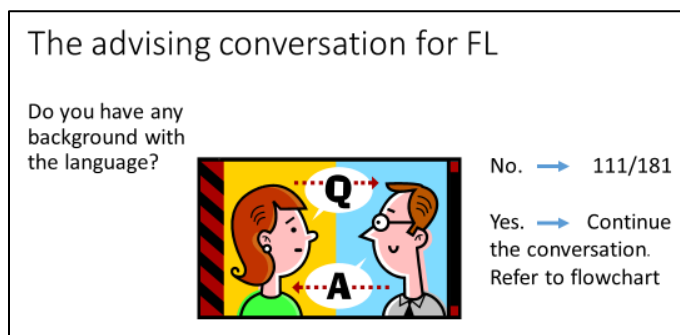
Students should pay close attention to the scheduled times and locations (in-person/online) for the class **and** lab. We offer various combinations of in-person, online synchronous and asynchronous instruction, and the class and lab often have different delivery formats.

Durham Tech Language Requirement for A.A. and A.S.

All A.A. and A.S. students must demonstrate proficiency of a foreign language at the 112-level for Durham Tech graduation. To do this, they can:

- Complete the 112-level course
- Place beyond the 112-level on a Durham Tech placement test
- Receive a foreign language waiver (non-native English speakers only)

When students transfer to a 4-yr university, they must meet their chosen baccalaureate program's foreign language graduation requirement which may be higher than ours. Students are always encouraged to complete their ultimate foreign language requirement while still at Durham Tech.



Placement Testing

Placement testing is available for all the languages we teach. Our tests are for Durham Tech purposes only. Because placements are specific to a program's setup, we do not accept placements from other schools, nor do they accept ours.

- Testing is done online via Sakai. The student should request testing by sending an email from their ConnectMail account to Chuck Johnson at chuck.johnson@durhamtech.edu. Include name, ID number, and brief description of the background with the language. He will contact the student with instructions for completing the test.
- Students are limited to **one attempt** and should test *before* beginning FL courses.
- Information on results can be found in PERC notes, in STAC as non-course equivalency listing(s), and in Self-Service under Notes and Test Scores. *Score indicates level student placed beyond (e.g., score of 1 means the student placed out of 1 level and can take 112-level.)*
- Students interested in placement testing for the **Community Spanish Interpreter** programs should plan to attend an information session where they will be tested or contact Sara Juarez at juarezs@durhamtech.edu.
- Students who completed level 3 or higher in high school may begin with the 112-level without testing. However, testing may be advised to determine the best fit for the student.

To determine whether a student has *placement* for a language or *transfer credit*, look in STAC in Colleague or on the Unofficial Transcript in Self-Service. The "Non-Term Courses" listing in the Timeline on Self-Service does not distinguish between the two.

Foreign Language Waivers

Students who were raised *and educated* in another language (i.e., English is not their first language) may request a waiver of the foreign language requirement for graduation.

- Student should send an email from the ConnectMail account to Shannon Hahn at hahns@durhamtech.edu. Include name, ID number, and a brief description of their language background including where they completed high school. She will follow up with the student about the request.
- Information can be found in PERC, Self-service notes, and Doc e Scan
- In some cases, waivers are given for high level study of a language we do not offer. Contact the chair for discussion.

Options for Students with Placement or Waivers

If a student places beyond the 112-level or receives a FL waiver, they may:

- Take the level of language recommended by the placement test (preferred if the transfer university requires language courses)
- Take course(s) in a different language, if desired. (*Would not have to complete through the 112 level.*)
- Take another humanities/fine arts/social sciences GEN ED course to replace the 3 designated language credits on the plan of study.
 - Foreign Language courses: ARA 111, 112, 211; ASL 111, 112, 211; FRE 111, 112, 211; GER 111, 112, 211; SPA 111, 112, 211, 212
 - Humanities/Fine Arts courses: ART 111, 114, 115, 116, 117; COM 120, 231; DRA 111, 122; ENG 231, 232, 241, 242; HUM 110, 115, 120, 122, 150, 160; MUS 110, 112; PHI 215, 240; REL 110, 211
 - Social/Behavioral Sciences courses: ANT 210, 220; ECO 251, 252; GEO 111; HIS 111, 112, 121, 122, 131, 132; POL 120, 220; PSY 150, 241, 281; SOC 210, 220, 225
 - *Some of these courses are not currently offered but have been left on the list for reference.*

For more information

For questions related to placement testing, contact Chuck Johnson, chuck.johnson@durhamtech.edu, 919-536-7200, ext. 3227, Phillips 3-104

For any other questions, contact the foreign language chair Shannon Hahn, hahns@durhamtech.edu, 919-536-7200, ext. 8019, Phillips 3-105D