

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

TRANSFER

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The need to know another language is now a necessity for persons who want to make themselves marketable in today’s global economy. By exposing oneself to foreign languages, individuals not only learn to appreciate and value the diversity of those with whom they will be communicating, but also gain a better understanding of who they are themselves.

One personal satisfaction speakers of a second language often experience is the thrill of being able to communicate information, feelings, and ideas in both verbal and non-verbal ways, knowing that they don’t have to speak 100 percent correctly all the time to get their message across. Here at Bismarck State College, we are committed to helping students foster confidence in themselves and in each other. We implement both traditional methods and the latest cutting-edge technology to enhance their ability to develop the necessary skills required to function in day to day tasks.

Foreign language courses in Spanish fulfill the Humanities requirement for graduation from BSC and will transfer as Humanities to help fulfill university graduation requirements. Students should also be aware that more and more four-year schools demand a two-year college-level foreign language proficiency requirement in many majors. Students who plan to continue their studies in a foreign language beyond BSC should follow the Liberal Arts curriculum below while at BSC. They should also carefully check the requirements of the college to which they wish to transfer. Students who complete the requirements earn an Associate of Arts degree from BSC.

Students who have completed, or are concurrently enrolled in spring semester Intermediate Spanish will have the option to participate in a one-week practicum of their languages skills in Puerto Rico. Instructor approval is required for any other student not meeting these criteria.

Career Possibilities: Translator, Interpreter, Foreign Language Teacher. The study of foreign languages, in combination with another major, provides opportunities in government agencies, the Foreign Service, international business, import-export, banking, or tourism.

Students will select their language courses according to the following placement guidelines:

- No previous foreign language study or up to 1 year of high school foreign language study – Language 101
- 2 years of recent (within the last 4 years) high school foreign language study – Language 102
- 3-4 years or recent high school foreign language study or 1 year of college foreign language study – Language

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College-level foreign language placement tests are available for students who wish to identify their levels more accurately. To make a testing appointment, call Ryan Pitcher at 224-5463. To make a testing appointment, call Ryan Pitcher at 224-5463 or Bonnie Weisz at 224-5658.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM FOR ASSOCIATE IN ARTS:

CREDITS

Foreign Language 101-102 (Spanish).....	8
College Composition I-II (ENGL 110-120).....	6
Fundamentals of Public Speaking (COMM 110)	3
*Math Elective (MATH 103 or higher)	3
Western Civilization (HIST 101-102).....	6
Foreign Language 201-202 (Spanish).....	8
Laboratory Science	4
Math/Science/Technology Elective.....	3
Enrichment.....	2
Social Science Electives	9
**Other Electives.....	8
Total credits.....	60

* If students use Math 102 to meet BSC general education requirements, they must also take an additional 3-credit Math/Science/Technology course to meet GERTA requirements.

**Suggested electives: Anthropology, Philosophy, Fundamentals of Music/Art, Sociology, Literature, Introduction to Computers.

SPANISH (SPAN)

SPAN 101-102 First Year Spanish I and II

101 F&S

102 F&S

4 credits

Fundamentals of Spanish grammar, oral and written use of the language and readings in easy Spanish. No prerequisite for 101. Spanish 101 or one year of high school Spanish prerequisite for 102.

SPAN 201-202 Second-Year Spanish I-II**201 Fall 202 Spring****4 credits**

Review of structure of Spanish, advanced grammar, and practice in written and oral expression. Reading in Spanish and Latin-American literature and culture. Prerequisite: Spanish 101-102 or their equivalent (see Foreign Language Curriculum section).

SPAN 195-295 Service Learning**1-3 credits**

Maximum of six semester hours. Service learning may be accomplished by one of three methods: Joining a club that has a public service component, doing volunteer work at a non-profit organization, or taking a course that links public service with its curriculum.

SPAN 294 Independent Study**1-3 credits**

Independent or directed study of special topics in Spanish. Department chairperson approval is required.

SPAN 299 Special Topics in Spanish**BD****1-3 credits**

Repeatable up to six semester hours. An examination of special topics in Spanish.