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Changes in policy, effective immediately

This statement supersedes the foreign language placement policy published in 1994 and implemented for students enrolling since 1995. The changes in the policy are intended to recognize differences among students who, having had two years or more of a foreign language in high school, are placed into **113** (First-Year French, German, or Spanish in One Semester). The modified placement policy, which is very similar to that followed at Purdue-West Lafayette, is as follows:

- Students who have had **one year or less** of high school French, German, or Spanish will be placed into **F111, G111, or S111**. No placement test is required for these students.
- Students who have had **two years** of high school French, German, or Spanish should enroll in **F113, G113, or S113**, with the following exceptions:
 - Students who graduated from high school **5 years or more prior to enrollment in IPFW** may enroll in **111**.
 - Students who had only two years of high school French, German, or Spanish but wish to try to place into a second-year course are encouraged to take the placement test and to consult an ILCS faculty member.
- Students who have had **three years or more** of high school French, German, or Spanish must take the placement test, to see if they can place into F203, G203, or S203 (or higher). Students with three years or more of high school French, German, or Spanish will generally **not** be allowed to enroll in 111, but must begin with **113 or higher**.
- The course instructor may override a placement if, in her/his professional judgment, the student has been placed too low or too high.
- The policy concerning credit for courses skipped remains unchanged.

What is 113?

The 113 courses begin with a two- to three-week review of selected vocabulary and structures normally covered in first-semester foreign language courses (111) before going on to cover the material taught in second semester (112). Instructors recognize that because the students have studied French, German, or Spanish at different high schools, they will bring different strengths and weaknesses to the class.

Questions? Call the departmental office at 260 481-6836.

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