Foreign Language Course Placement Guide: The following are suggestions to help students and advisors know which level of a FL course the student should register for initially (students should compare their abilities with the descriptions below and sign up for the course that most closely matches their proficiency). Students must consult with a FL instructor in order to be placed into 2001 or above. Note that because courses are sequenced, it is a huge advantage to students to take a FL class their very first semester.

i) Choose FL 1001 if... you have no previous language-learning experience all the way to the ability to say and write a few words/phrases.

ii) Choose FL 1002 if... you can say and write simple sentences confidently in the present tense; can ask and answer simple questions; have an awareness of past-tense verbs.

iii) Choose FL 2001 if... you can speak and write in the present tense with relative ease, have an awareness of past-tense narration, and can utilize some past-tense verbs accurately; can ask and answer questions related to daily life; can manage a simple conversation, albeit with some difficulty.

iv) Choose FL 2002 if... you can speak in the present tense with ease and can successfully attempt some past-tense narration; can confidently ask and answer questions related to daily life; can conduct a simple conversation with relative ease.

v) Choose FL 3000-level if... you can narrate completely (beginning, middle, end) an experience in the past, although perhaps with grammatical errors and lexical gaps.