DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

FRENCH PROFICIENCY EXAM INFORMATION

General Education Foreign Language Requirement –
Policies on Proficiency Testing*

For All Students
Students may only request to be proficiency tested in languages they did not study in high school.

*If you are a native speaker of the language that you took in high school, you ARE able to take the proficiency exam in your native language.

- Proficiency exams given in French consist of two parts.
- The 1st part of the exam, the written portion, focusing on reading and writing skills is only given ONCE a semester.
- Students must pass the 1st part of the exam in order to take the 2nd part of the exam, the oral portion, focusing on speaking and listening.
- Students are able to apply for a proficiency exam in a language ONLY ONCE.
- NO EXCEPTIONS!! Students must plan accordingly for graduation purposes.

The following procedure MUST be followed for proficiency testing:

1) Complete the attached proficiency exam application no later than the Course Add/Drop/Delete Deadline and submit it to the department office, LT-510.
2) Once reviewed, an email of the scanned application will be sent to the applicant indicating approval or denial.
3) If the application indicates approval, it is the applicant’s responsibility to report to the department office, LT-510, between 10am-2pm, on the date of Course Withdraw Deadline to take the 1st half of the proficiency exam, the written portion, at an INTERMEDIATE level. This is the ONLY day that the 1st half of the exam will be given. The written portion should take approximately one hour.
4) Once exam is graded, an email of the scanned application with results will be sent to the applicant.
   - If the application indicates pass on the 1st half of the exam, it is the applicant’s responsibility to schedule an appointment for the 2nd half of the exam, the oral portion, with Professor Dora Polachek (dpolachk@binghamton.edu).
   - If the application indicates fail on the 1st half of the exam, the applicant CANNOT take the 2nd half of the exam and CANNOT reapply to take the proficiency exam in the same language.