

## **Options to Fulfill the International/Multicultural Studies General Education Domain**

Students matriculating to SC during the 2010-2011 academic year can fulfill the International/ Multicultural Studies General Education domain through one of four options:

- Option 1 – By taking 3 credits (one course) of intermediate level language
- Option 2 – By taking 6 credits (two courses) of elementary level in a language that's new to you (or that you only studied for one year). Both courses must be in the same language.
- Option 3 – By participating in an approved study abroad experience with one of our partner institutions
- Option 4 – By taking a total of 6 credits (two courses) as follows:
  - One course (3 credits) from the Multicultural Perspective within American Culture subcategory
  - One course (3 credits) from the International/Global Studies Perspective subcategory

### **Options 1 & 2 - Language Courses**

Springfield College offers language courses in French, Spanish, and manual communication (sign language). We also offer transfer credit for courses in other languages taken at most other colleges or universities. **You'll find information on the reverse about which level language course would be appropriate for you.**

Unless your major calls for a specific course to fulfill this domain, we encourage you to begin or continue your language study to fulfill it. Studying a language can help you be more competitive in our increasingly multicultural and global job market, and it also can help you prepare for a study abroad program. Keep in mind that if you are going to continue with a language that you took in high school, you should consider taking it your first year, while the language is still fresh in your mind.

### **Option 3 – Participation in an Approved Study Abroad Experience**

This option in the International/Multicultural Studies domain can be fulfilled through participation in one of Springfield College's approved study abroad programs and enrollment in a course on the culture, history, language, art, etc. of the host country. Currently, Springfield College has more than 20 programs in more than 10 different countries.

If you are considering one of these programs, please contact Deborah Alm (413-748-3215 or [dalm@spfldcol.edu](mailto:dalm@spfldcol.edu)) for more information. Depending on your major, and which program you are considering, you may wish to avoid taking certain General Education categories, as study abroad curricula at some institutions are designed to fill certain of those categories.

### **Option 4 – Courses with Multicultural & International/Global Focus**

This option and the International/Multicultural Studies domain can be fulfilled by taking:

- One course (3 credits) from the Multicultural Perspective within American Culture subcategory **and**
- One course (3 credits) from the International/Global Studies Perspective subcategory

## Guidelines/Prerequisites for Selecting a Language Course

*Note: French or Spanish, at the appropriate level, is the primary means of communication in all French and Spanish languages courses.*

- **FREN or SPAN 111** – Elementary French or Spanish I
  - This course is designed for students with little or no experience with the language.
  - Note: Students who begin with Elementary I must continue with Elementary II to fulfill the International/Multicultural Studies domain.
  
- **FREN or SPAN 112** – Elementary French or Spanish II (also applies to FREN 113, Conversational French)
  - Prerequisite:
    - Two years of high school instruction, and you are comfortable with the basics of the language, or FREN or SPAN 111. You should be able to (both orally and in writing):
      - Describe your likes, dislikes, personal possessions, daily routine, clothing, family, and your and others' physical and personality characteristics.
      - Ask and answer questions on familiar topics.
      - Do a short narration in the present tense.
  - Note: Students who begin with Elementary II must continue with Intermediate I to fulfill the International/Multicultural Studies domain. Non-Spanish minors who wish to study abroad at Alcalingua need to take this course in the fall before going abroad.
  
- **FREN or SPAN 211** – Intermediate French or Spanish I
  - Prerequisite:
    - Two or more years of high school instruction, and you are comfortable with a class taught primarily in that language, or FREN or SPAN 112. You should be able to:
      - Participate actively in classroom discussions in French or Spanish, answering and asking questions on topics covering home, school, leisure activities, and your likes and dislikes.
      - Deliver prepared oral presentations on studied topics.
      - Understand the gist of normal conversational speech and classroom discussions on a variety of topics.
      - Comprehend the main ideas of guided readings and be able to ask and answer questions about the content.
  - Note: Students who successfully complete this course fulfill the International/Multicultural Studies domain.
  
- **FREN or SPAN 212** – Intermediate French or Spanish II
  - Prerequisite:
    - Three or more years of high school instruction, and you are comfortable with a class taught almost exclusively in that language, or FREN or SPAN 211. You should be able to:
      - Participate actively in classroom discussions in French or Spanish, answering and asking questions on topics covering home, school, leisure activities and current events.
      - Deliver prepared oral presentations on familiar literary or cultural topics.
      - Write short essays or summaries on familiar topics in present and past tense.
      - Comprehend the main ideas of short stories, social notices, and reports on familiar topics
      - Participate actively in Spanish during class.
  - Note: Students who successfully complete this course fulfill the International/ Multicultural Studies domain. Successful completion of SPAN 212 (or permission of instructor) is required to participate in the study abroad Spanish minor program.
  
- **RHDS 378** – Manual Communication/Issues of Deaf Culture
  - Prerequisite: None
  - Note: Students who choose this course must continue with RHDS 379 to fulfill the International/ Multicultural Studies category.
  
- **RHDS 379** – Advanced Manual Communication and Culture
  - Prerequisite: RHDS 378
  - Note: Students who complete RHDS 378 and RHDS 379 fulfill the International/ Multicultural Studies category.