

State Seal of Biliteracy Program - Effective Fall 2019

Program Guidelines: Benedictine University accepts the State Seal of Biliteracy as a program that recognizes students who have attained an advanced level of proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. Benedictine University also provides our students with an opportunity to request college credit for their State Seal of Biliteracy if awarded by a participating high school. Students may wish to speak with an advisor to understand the language credit awards and possible options within the Languages and Literature Department. *For current credit awards please visit the Benedictine University website.*

Credit for the State Seal of Biliteracy is not processed automatically:

- First-year students who have received the State Seal of Biliteracy must request credit for the seal within 3 academic years after graduation from high school, and transfer students are encouraged to do so in their first semester at Benedictine University.
- Requests to receive credit may be submitted via this form to the Office of the Registrar. Forms may be submitted after the start of the first term of enrollment to an advisor, in person to the Registrar's Office (Lisle Campus - 103 Lownik Hall / Mesa Campus - Gillett Hall) or via email to [#Registrars@ben.edu](mailto:Registrars@ben.edu) from an authorized (student) email.
- Benedictine University recognizes the State Seal of Biliteracy from all states in which it was earned if it is awarded on a student's official final high school transcript and verified by the Office of the Registrar.
- Credit for the State Seal of Biliteracy will not award a grade nor be included in GPA calculations.
- Duplicate credit will not be awarded if the State Seal of Biliteracy credit has previously been earned by the student through any other program - i.e. transfer coursework, AP, IB or CLEP.
- No credit will be awarded for the State Commendation toward Biliteracy.

Petition for State Seal of Biliteracy Credit Award:

Please complete the following and submit to the Office of the Registrar for evaluation

DATE	
STUDENT NAME	
BENU ID NUMBER	
BENU ADVISOR	
HIGH SCHOOL	
STUDENT SIGNATURE	

Office of the Registrar Use Only:

CREDIT AWARDED	
APPROVAL SIGNATURE/DATE	
POSTING SIGNATURE/DATE	
ADDITIONAL NOTES	

Distribution by e-mail: student, advisor

External Credit Articulation for Modern Languages
IB, AP, CLEP, Seal of Biliteracy, and Credit through Department *Effective Fall 2019*

AP SCORE (LANGUAGE) Credit (hours) granted *	1	2	3	4 or 5
Spanish	0	0	SPAN 2201(3)	SPAN 2201(3) + SPAN 2202(3)
Chinese	0	0	CHIN 2201(3)	CHIN 2201(3) + CHIN 2202(3)
French, Italian, German, Japanese, Latin	0	0	MDLG 2201(3)	MDLG 2201(3) + MDLG 2202(3)
Placement **	1102	2201	2202	2211
Potential additional external credit through department **	1101(3)	1101(3)+1102(3)	1101(3)+1102(3)	1102(3)

AP SCORE (LITERATURE) Credit (hours) granted ***	1	2	3	4 or 5
Spanish	0	0	SPAN 2291(3)	SPAN 2291(3) + QLR

IB SCORE (GROUP 2 – LANGUAGE ACQUISITION) Credit (hours) granted *	1	2	3	4	5 or higher
Spanish	0	0	0	SPAN 2201(3)	SPAN 2201(3) + SPAN 2202(3)
Chinese	0	0	0	CHIN 2201(3)	CHIN 2201(3) + CHIN 2202(3)
Additional languages	0	0	0	MDLG 2201(3)	MDLG 2201(3)+MDLG 2202(3)
Placement **		1102	2201	2202	2211
Potential additional external credit through department **		1101(3)	1101(3)+1102(3)	1101(3)+1102(3)	1102 (3)

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Credit and hours granted *	Language equivalency for 1101(3) + 1102(3) courses
Placement **	2201

* The total number of credit hours granted in a modern language, regardless of mode --AP, IB, CLEP, Seal of Biliteracy, and credit through Department cannot exceed 9.

** Students may choose to take the WebCAPE placement test to potentially obtain a higher placement and potential additional external credit through department. In order to obtain credit through the department, the BenU class in which the student was placed (or any other pre-approved by the department) must be taken and completed with "C" or higher.

*** The three hours obtained by posting this credit do NOT count toward the 9 credit-hour limit for modern language placement credit.

Students seeking a Spanish major or minor should be aware that courses below the SPAN 2201 level, although they count as hours toward graduation, do NOT fulfill any requirement for the major or the minor. All students should be aware that a maximum of 9 hours of placement credit in Spanish for language courses is allowed per student. Therefore, if, for example, a student places into SPAN 2202 or above and has received AP, IB or CLEP credit for SPAN 1101 (3 credit hours) and SPAN 1102 (3 credit hours), that student cannot also receive 9 credit hours of departmental placement credit for any of Benedictine University's elementary and intermediate language courses (SPAN 1101-2202). This rule does not apply to credit obtained through the AP Spanish Literature exam, which typically will be accepted at Benedictine University as the equivalent of SPAN 2291 (3 credit hours).

Once posted to the student's transcript, AP, CLEP or IB credit cannot be removed; therefore, it is highly recommended that students pursuing or considering a major or minor in Spanish consult with the Chair of the Department of Languages and Literature BEFORE posting AP, IB, or CLEP credit. The granting of external credit for courses at or above the SPAN 2211 level will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Students should also be aware that 2211/2212 are parallel courses and not sequential courses, so that completing 2212 does not imply proficiency in 2211.