Foreign Languages Assessment Plan

Mission:

The mission of the Foreign Language program is to:

- Serve well the general education mission of the university in the area of the humanities.
- Prepare students via foreign language skills and cultural exposure for professions in business, law enforcement, communications, counseling, translation, etc.
- Prepare highly qualified foreign language teachers in conjunction with the D.P.I. and the UWP School of Education through our teaching-minor and teaching-major programs. Students must attain a level of mastery in the areas of teaching methods and knowledge of the theories of second language acquisition.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Goal 1: Proficient Oral Communication Skills

1. Student will demonstrate minimum oral proficiency at a level equivalent to Intermediate High on the ACTFL Proficiency Scale OR Student will be able to discuss, narrate, and converse about a wide range of general interest topics in most informal and some formal situations.

2. Student will be able to be understood without difficulty by speakers unaccustomed to non-native speakers.

Goal 2: Proficient Written Communication Skills

1. Student will demonstrate knowledge and skills in effective written presentation, grammatical accuracy, in informal and formal styles, at a level roughly equal to one’s oral proficiency.

2. Student will be able to read, translate, analyze, explain, understand a variety of authentic written materials (e.g., letters, poems, books, etc.).

Goal 3: Knowledge of Cultural Practices and Perspectives

3. Student will complete a period of language immersion in residence in a country in which the language is spoken.

4. Student will be able to discuss, compare, describe, relate to the historical, geographical, political, socio-economical, literary and artistic features of a variety of peoples and countries that speak and use the target language.