Placement Guidelines: Intensive French at UR

- 1. SAT II French subject test score of **630** or higher;
- 2. Advanced Placement Test score of **3**, **4**, **or 5** in French Lang or Lit
 - 3 = exemption
 - 4 = exemption + 3 credits
 - 5 = exemption + 6 credits
- 3. Department Placement Test
- Non-native English speaker with acceptable TOEFL scores

For Incoming First-Year Students

3 or more years of French completed in grades 9-12

*students with more than 4 years of French in high school and no AP or SAT scores are strongly encouraged to take the UR placement test to see about exemption

For Incoming First-Year Students

No more than 2 years of French completed in grades 9-12

*students with 2 years must meet with Dr. Julie Baker and take placement test

Exemption from Communication Skills II General Education Language Requirement (through French)

*Upon exemption, students may continue at the 300-level of language study Intensive Intermediate French 221 (no approval necessary) Intensive Elementary French 121

(all students must have approval of Dr. Julie Baker)

NOTES:

- Intensive Elementary French is for *beginners*. It assumes *no* prior French language background. Intensive Intermediate French 221 is the review course, concentrating on familiar structures for those students who have already been exposed to the language and concentrating heavily on a better understanding of cultural perspectives. The "intensive" label is due to time in class (5-days a week) and the 2 practice sessions with undergraduate teaching assistants. The intensive format entails one year of language taken in one semester.
- Students may take the computerized Departmental Placement Test in French if they wish to:
 - o qualify for an exemption not previously granted through AP or SAT-II test scores, or
 - o confirm or attempt to change their placement by moving up a level. Placement tests do not lower placement as determined by years of high school language study.
- Students should be encouraged to fulfill their language requirement as soon as possible in their first year.
- Students will be blocked from registering for Intensive Elementary French 121 to ensure that the class is only full of beginning French students. They must get approval from Dr. Julie Baker in order to register.
- Once a student has fulfilled the COM2 requirement in a language, s/he cannot take a 100 or 200 level course in the same language for credit.