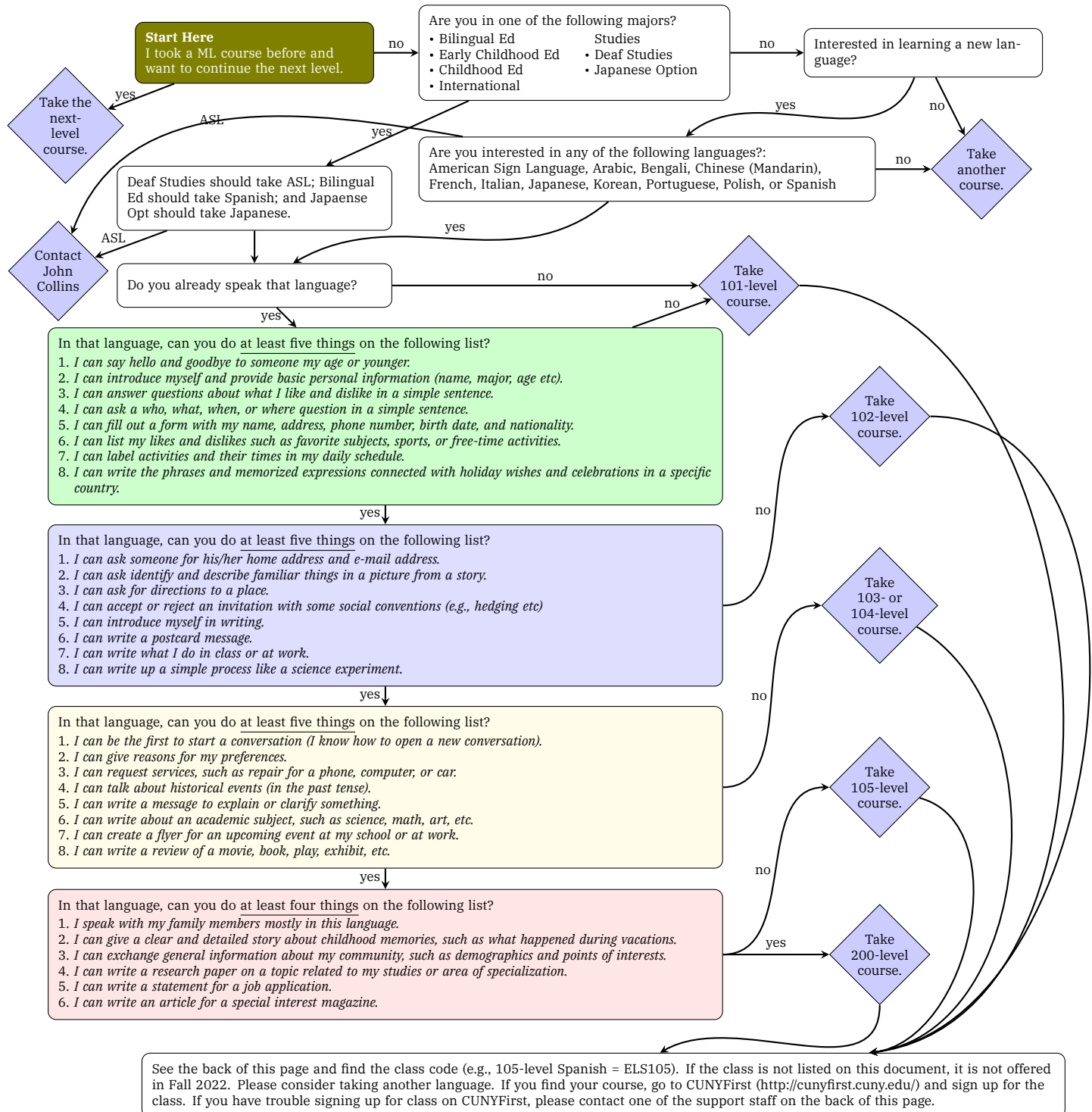# Self-assessment Flowchart for Modern Language Registration in Spring 2023

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In light of the COVID-19 situation and the decision to close physical services on campus, the Modern Languages (ML) Program has decided to replace the placement exam with students' self-assessment for the placement of ML courses. We have temporarily removed all placement exam requirements for the ML courses (except for ASL) so that students can sign up for any level of ML course on CUNYFirst by themselves based on their self-assessment of ML proficiency. The flowchart below helps students identify an appropriate ML course to sign up for in Spring 2023. Start from **Start Here** and follow the instructions.

Start Here
I took a ML course before and want to continue the next level.

— no → Are you in one of the following majors?
- Bilingual Ed
- Early Childhood Ed
- Childhood Ed
- International Studies
- Deaf Studies
- Japanese Option

— no → Interested in learning a new language?

— yes → **Take the next-level course.**

— no → **Take another course.**

Deaf Studies should take ASL; Bilingual Ed should take Spanish; and Japaense Opt should take Japanese.

Are you interested in any of the following languages?:
American Sign Language, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Mandarin), French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Polish, or Spanish

— no → **Take another course.**

— ASL → **Contact John Collins**

Do you already speak that language?

— no → **Take 101-level course.**

In that language, can you do at least five things on the following list?
1. *I can say hello and goodbye to someone my age or younger.*
2. *I can introduce myself and provide basic personal information (name, major, age etc).*
3. *I can answer questions about what I like and dislike in a simple sentence.*
4. *I can ask a who, what, when, or where question in a simple sentence.*
5. *I can fill out a form with my name, address, phone number, birth date, and nationality.*
6. *I can list my likes and dislikes such as favorite subjects, sports, or free-time activities.*
7. *I can label activities and their times in my daily schedule.*
8. *I can write the phrases and memorized expressions connected with holiday wishes and celebrations in a specific country.*

— no → **Take 102-level course.**

In that language, can you do at least five things on the following list?
1. *I can ask someone for his/her home address and e-mail address.*
2. *I can ask identify and describe familiar things in a picture from a story.*
3. *I can ask for directions to a place.*
4. *I can accept or reject an invitation with some social conventions (e.g., hedging etc)*
5. *I can introduce myself in writing.*
6. *I can write a postcard message.*
7. *I can write what I do in class or at work.*
8. *I can write up a simple process like a science experiment.*

— no → **Take 103- or 104-level course.**

In that language, can you do at least five things on the following list?
1. *I can be the first to start a conversation (I know how to open a new conversation).*
2. *I can give reasons for my preferences.*
3. *I can request services, such as repair for a phone, computer, or car.*
4. *I can talk about historical events (in the past tense).*
5. *I can write a message to explain or clarify something.*
6. *I can write about an academic subject, such as science, math, art, etc.*
7. *I can create a flyer for an upcoming event at my school or at work.*
8. *I can write a review of a movie, book, play, exhibit, etc.*

— no → **Take 105-level course.**

In that language, can you do at least four things on the following list?
1. *I speak with my family members mostly in this language.*
2. *I can give a clear and detailed story about childhood memories, such as what happened during vacations.*
3. *I can exchange general information about my community, such as demographics and points of interests.*
4. *I can write a research paper on a topic related to my studies or area of specialization.*
5. *I can write a statement for a job application.*
6. *I can write an article for a special interest magazine.*

— yes → **Take 200-level course.**

See the back of this page and find the class code (e.g., 105-level Spanish = ELS105). If the class is not listed on this document, it is not offered in Fall 2022. Please consider taking another language. If you find your course, go to CUNYFirst (http://cunyfirst.cuny.edu/) and sign up for the class. If you have trouble signing up for class on CUNYFirst, please contact one of the support staff on the back of this page.

Brief Introduction to the Modern Languages Courses

The Modern Languages (ML) Program regularly offers American Sign Language, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Mandarin), French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Polish, and Spanish. LaGuardia students in any major can take up to two ML courses in Pathways (WCGI and Additional Core) and students in some majors (i.e., Bilingual Ed, Early Childhood Ed, Childhood Ed, International Studies, Deaf Studies, and Japanese) are required to take the ML course as part of their Program Core.

List of Modern Languages Courses (only those active in Fall 2022)

1. ELA101: Elementary Arabic 1
2. ELA102: Elementary Arabic 2
3. ELA105: Arabic for Heritage Speakers
4. ELA201: Modern Arabic Literature
5. ELA250: Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
6. ELA260: Arab Cinema: Cultural Insights through Film
7. ELC101: Elementary Modern Chinese 1
8. ELC102: Elementary Modern Chinese 2
9. ELC105: Chinese for Heritage Speakers
10. ELC201: Modern Chinese Literature
11. ELC202: Contemporary Chinese Literature
12. ELC203: Classic Chinese Literature
13. ELF101: Elementary French 1
14. ELF102: Elementary French 2
15. ELF201: French Literature from a Global Perspective
16. ELF250: Contemporary Francophone Lit in Translation
17. ELI101: Elementary Italian 1
18. ELI102: Elementary Italian 2
19. ELJ101: Elementary Japanese 1
20. ELJ102: Elementary Japanese 2
21. ELJ103: Intermediate Japanese 1
22. ELJ104: Intermediate Japanese 2
23. ELJ250: Japanese Literature in Translation
24. ELK101: Elementary Korean 1
25. ELK102: Elementary Korean 2
26. ELK103: Intermediate Korean 1
27. ELK250: Modern Korean Literature in Translation
28. ELM101: American Sign Language 1
29. ELM102: American Sign Language 2
30. ELM103: American Sign Language 3
31. ELM104: American Sign Language 4
32. ELM210: Sign Language Linguistics
33. ELN194: The Puerto Rican Community Minority Group Experience
34. ELP201: Modern Polish Literature
35. ELR101: Elementary Russian 1
36. ELS101: Elementary Spanish 1
37. ELS102: Elementary Spanish 2
38. ELS103: Intermediate Spanish 1
39. ELS105: Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1
40. ELS200: Latin American Literature I
41. ELS201: Latin American Literature II
42. ELS204: Latin American Civilizations
43. ELS205: Latin American Civilizations
44. ELS209: Spanish Grammar and Usage
45. ELS210: Advanced Spanish Composition
46. ELS250: Contemporary Latin American Fiction in Translation
47. ELT105: Tibetan for Heritage Speakers
48. ELV105: Bengali for Heritage Speakers
49. ELV201: Modern Bengali Literature
50. ELZ101: Elementary Portuguese 1
51. ELZ102: Elementary Portuguese 2

If you want to learn more about individual courses, please visit https://bit.ly/LaGCC-ML for the latest information about the modern language courses.

Contact Information for the Modern Languages Program

If you have questions about the modern language (ML) courses or have difficulty in registering for the ML courses, please contact following staff members for assistance.

• Technical questions about registration (e.g., how to use CUNYFirst):
  – registrar@lagcc.cuny.edu

• General question about language-related courses (Modern Languages, ESL, Education, Linguistics etc):
  – ELA@lagcc.cuny.edu

• Questions about the ML courses (e.g., textbook, syllabus etc):
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