

# **CHALLENGE EXAM FAQ**

**Q: If I want course credit through challenge exam, can I take the test to see how I do and then pay if I pass?** No. If you are serious about earning course credit through the challenge exam(s) and believe you have the skills to do so, you must pay for the challenge exam in advance.

**Q: I don't care about earning course credit; I just want to take the two foreign language classes I need at USCB. Do I have to pay for the challenge exam?** No, you do not have to pay if you're not challenging for course credit.

**Q: I placed into a higher-level course and I think the results are accurate; do I still have to take the challenge exam?** If you want to take the class you placed into, then YES, you must take the challenge exam. If you do not, the instructor will remove you from the higher-level class.

**Q: I placed into a higher-level course but I don't feel comfortable taking it; do I still have to take the challenge exam or can I just take a lower-level class?** If you want to take a class that's lower than what you placed into, you do NOT have to take a challenge exam. Simply enroll in the lower-level course.

**Q: Is the challenge exam just one exam?** No. Technically there is a challenge exam for every lower-level course, so one exam for SPAN/FREN 101, one exam for SPAN/FREN 102, one SPAN/FREN 201, etc. If you place into a higher-level course, and want to enroll in it, you're supposed to challenge every lower-level course that you've exempted. For example, if your placement score says you should enroll in FREN 202, and that's what you want to take, then you need to take a challenge exam for FREN 101, FREN 102, and FREN 201.

**Q: I'm still completely confused as to whether or not I need to take the challenge exams. Can someone help me?** Of course! Just call (843) 208-8057 or email [placement@uscb.edu](mailto:placement@uscb.edu).