



What is the SC Seal of Biliteracy?

The SC Seal of Biliteracy is a nationally recognized credential granted by the South Carolina Department of Education certifying a students' high proficiency in English and at least one other world language. The Seal is earned when the student has attained a minimum of a 3.0 ELA GPA and at least an *intermediate mid-level* of proficiency in a language other than English. The latter is assessed in their Junior and Senior year of high school through a state approved nationally recognized proficiency-based assessment.

Universities & Colleges grant credit for the SC Seal of Biliteracy¹

Each university chooses how to recognize the credential. Some use it as a tool for initial placement in a language class, others do not. Some give credit upon receipt of the credential; others give retroactive credit after the student earns a grade in their first language course.

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College or University	Seal of Biliteracy Tier	Initial Placement (lang course levels) ²	Credit Received ³
Charleston Southern University	Bronze	201	6 credits- upon receipt of a "B" or higher in Initial Placement
	Silver	202	
	Gold	250	9 credits- upon receipt of a "B" or higher in Initial Placement
Coastal Carolina University	Bronze	211	8 credits- upon receipt of a "C" or better in initial placement
	Silver	300+	11 credits- after receipt of a "C" or
	Gold	300+	

¹ More Colleges and Universities are added every year. Please stay tuned to future announcements.

² A course number under this column indicates that no language placement test will be required at the corresponding institution.

³ The Credit Received column is solely for the Seal of Biliteracy credential. If the University requires the student to take a course, the credit *will be added* to the credit received by taking the assigned course and meeting the minimum requirement. Ex: If a Gold recipient is placed in SPAN 250 at Winthrop University and earns a "B" or higher, the student will end up earning 15 credits after the course (3 credits for 250 + 12 credits for SofBL).

			better in initial placement
North Greenville University	Bronze	No course required.	6 credits- upon admission
	Silver		9 credits – upon admission
	Gold		
USC Upstate	Bronze	No placement or course required	6 credits- upon admission
	Silver		9 credits- upon admission
	Gold		12 credits- upon admission
Winthrop University	Bronze	201	6 credits- upon receipt of a “B” or higher in Initial Placement
	Silver	202	9 credits- upon receipt of a “B” or higher in Initial Placement
	Gold	250	12 credits- upon receipt of a “B” or higher in Initial Placement

Note: Recognizing the SC Seal of Biliteracy as a placement tool and for credit “has the benefit of allowing students to graduate sooner and save money, because students do not need to enroll in one or more lower-level courses”

If you have any questions, please reach out to:

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