

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages welcomes you to Assumption University. Please read on for important information about the foreign language placement test. All students at Assumption must take either one language course at placement level or two courses in a new language as part of the core curriculum. We currently offer classes in French, Italian, Latin, and Spanish. To place you with other students at a similar level, you must take the placement exam if you meet one of these criteria:

- You have studied French, Spanish, or Italian in high school or earlier
- You took or will take an AP exam in a foreign language.
- You are a heritage or native speaker of Spanish, French, or Italian
- You have some other experience with one of these languages.

Taking the language placement test is not optional if you meet one or more of these criteria. Take the exam for the language that you have studied in school or that you speak or hear at home, even if you are not sure that you will continue with the same language. You still can decide to learn a new language.

If you have studied German, Russian, or Mandarin, you must take the test for placement and will have to take the language with one of the Worcester Consortium Colleges, or you can study Spanish, French or Italian at Assumption

If you have studied Latin or a language in high school or college other than those listed above, we will place you according to the information on your transcript(s).

If you have college credit for language study at a previous institution or receive Assumption credit through an AP test, we will make adjustments once that credit is received and you will be placed at the subsequent level.

The placement exam takes about 20 minutes. In order to achieve the most appropriate placement consistent with your language level, you should complete the placement examination to the best of your ability, without the use of textbooks, dictionaries, or any other type of assistance. Take the placement examination as soon as possible so that your advisor has a placement and can approve the appropriate course.

[TAKE THE EXAM](#)

1. After opening the link, follow the directions to register. You will be asked for your name, an Assumption University ID number, an email address and a password of your choosing.
2. Select the language (Spanish, French, Italian or German). The rest of the instructions are given at the exam site.

For additional information about the exam, see the “Frequently Asked Questions” below. The Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Cultures reserves the right to change your placement if we believe you have not been placed at the appropriate level. Please note that academic advisors cannot approve a different course level or make an initial placement. You also may not place yourself into a course lower or higher than where you tested. If you feel you have been misplaced on the basis of the placement test, you should consult with the [Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Cultures](#).

We recommend that you register for a foreign language course as soon as possible to reflect your current abilities—and before you forget the language skills you acquired in high school or college.

If you have questions not answered by the FAQ (below), [please contact Professor Maryanne Leone](#), Chair, Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Cultures.
Frequently Asked Questions about the Online Foreign Language Placement Exam

Do I have to take the Placement Exam?

Yes, if you have studied French, Spanish, or Italian in high school, you must take the Placement Exam.

What do I do if I studied a language other than French, Spanish, or Italian?

Take the placement test if you have studied German, Russian or Mandarin, and we will note your placement in case you want to take that language at another university, including in the Worcester Consortium of Colleges.

What do I do if I have studied a language for which there is no placement test?

Do not take a placement test. If you have taken a different language, you will be placed at an appropriate level for that language by members of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages according to your high school or college record. You may opt to start a new language or continue your language of study through the Worcester College Consortium courses.

How many times can I take the Placement Exam?

You will normally take the exam only once, unless asked to retake it by the Department. If you need to resume a test due to an internet interruption, please do not click "Start exam from scratch," click "Resume." If you take the exam but do not register for a foreign language course until several years later (which is not advisable but occasionally happens), you will be asked to retake the exam, since your language proficiency will change over time.

How long does the Placement Exam take?

About 20 minutes.

When should I take the exam?

As soon as possible. You must take it before meeting with an academic advisor in order to be placed in an appropriate course.

What do I type as my email address?

Your username is your Houndmail email address.

When do I find out the results of the Placement Exam?

Immediately following the exam your score will be shown automatically. If you are taking the exam during the academic year, you are advised to take a screenshot to send to the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Cultures.

I didn't get my Placement Exam results. What do I do?

If you complete the exam, the score should appear at the end. You can also go back to the exam

screen, enter your information EXACTLY as you did when you first took the exam, and click Resume. Your final score will show here. The Department will receive it in time for Orientation and will keep a record.

What if I don't understand my placement result?

Contact the Chair of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages & Cultures, [Professor Maryanne Leone](#).

I placed into a course that is either too difficult or too easy for me. What should I do?

[Contact the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Cultures](#) before registering for a course. WebAdvisor is linked with placement scores, so it will not allow you to register for a course that does not coincide with your placement. Changes in placement require authorization from the department and then re-entering by the Registrar's Office.

Do I need to call the Department before I register for the course that the Placement Exam indicates?

No, unless you have any questions.

The section of the language course I'd like to take (or that fits in my schedule) is full. What should I do?

You will probably be able to rearrange your schedule so that you can register for another section of the same course.

Do I receive credit for taking the Exam?

No, the Placement Exam is only for placement in the appropriate language courses.

If I took the AP test in a foreign language, should I take the Placement Exam?

Yes, take the exam since there often is a delay in receiving the AP score and make sure that you have your AP scores sent to the Registrar's Office for proper awarding of credit. We can't award credit without official scores. Depending on your AP score and level of placement, you may decide to take the course indicated by the Placement Exam instead of accepting AP credit.

If I'm bilingual or a native speaker of Spanish or another language for which you offer a placement test, do I have to take the Placement Exam?

Yes.