



Computer-based Foreign Language Placement Exam: FAQ

What Web browser should I use to take the exam?

Any browser should work fine; however, Firefox or Internet Explorer are the recommended browsers.

Why doesn't the exam appear when I click on the link that is in my e-mail?

Some e-mail program/browser combinations do not support clicking a link in an e-mail to open a Web page. If the exam does not appear when you click the link in the e-mail you should either copy the link name and paste it into the address area of your browser or type the link name into the address area of your browser.

How long will it take to do the exam?

The French, German, and Spanish exams are [computer-adaptive](#) and can take from 20-45 minutes to complete, depending on your ability with the language. The Italian test is timed and takes up to 1 hour to complete.

What if I have to stop taking the exam before I have completed it?

You must complete the exam in one sitting, so please be sure you have one hour to work uninterrupted.

May I use reference material while I do the exam?

Since the purpose of this exam is to place you in the appropriate level for your ability, you should not use reference materials. Doing so may place you into a class beyond your ability. As all students must pass at least once class at his/her level, this may mean switching courses after the quarter has begun.

How will I know how I did on the exam?

The French, German, and Spanish exams will display your score once you have completed the exam. For the Italian exam, a faculty member will contact you via email with your score.

How are the results of this exam to be used?

The purpose of this exam is to offer students advice regarding the language course in which they should enroll. The results of the exam will suggest a course level – students can consult a faculty member from the [Department of Languages and Literatures](#) with questions regarding placement.

May I take the exam more than once?

Re-takes are only permitted in certain circumstances. If you'd like to take the exam again, please contact the Center for World Languages and Cultures.

Do I need to take the exam if I'm not required to study a language?

All programs, except BSEE, BSME, BSCpE and BFA, are required to study a language at DU. It is important for you to take your exam in order for your adviser to help you decide which classes you need to take during your first year.

When is the last day to take the exam?

July 31 is the last day to take the exam.

What if I'm unable to take the exam before I arrive on campus?

You may still take the placement test during Discoveries Week, but failure to take the exam ahead of time may result in limited enrollment options and scheduling difficulties.

Will my exam score appear on my transcript?

No. The only purpose of the exam is to determine the level of foreign language skills for incoming students and to enable the University to recommend classes in which students should consider enrolling.

Who should I contact if I have trouble taking the exam?

You can contact cwlc@du.edu if you have problems accessing or taking the exam.