

FSEM Foreign Language Advising Guide

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Placement Tests

Placement tests for Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian and Spanish are available on the Center for World Languages & Cultures [language placement web page](#). Tests are available year-round, and students may take them multiple times. **Students beginning at DU in the fall quarter are strongly recommended to take the tests by July 31, 2017.** Arabic and Hebrew placement tests for fall quarter are only available during Discoveries Language Advising or by appointment with a faculty member at any other time during the year. The Japanese placement test requires that students register three days prior to taking the test.

Language Advising

Faculty advisors are available for all languages during the Discoveries Language Advising period in Driscoll. This session will be held **Wednesday, September 6, 2017, from 8:00am to 10:00am** during Discoveries Orientation Week; orientation leaders will bring their groups to language advising. Students who have questions about their language placement scores or who disagree with their placement scores should plan to speak with a faculty advisor at that time.

NOTE: Students who plan to begin studying a new language do not take a placement test, and do not need to see an advisor. They register for 1001 in that language.

Contacts:

- [Academic Advising](#), 303.871.2455, advising@du.edu
- For language-specific placement questions about placement scores: [Department of Language & Literatures](#), 303.871.2662, langlit@du.edu
- For placement test questions: [Center for World Languages & Cultures](#), 303.871.4601, cwlc@du.edu

French, German and Spanish

French, German and Spanish placement tests are taken over the summer online (see the [CWLC website](#)). Students should save their scores when they complete the test.

French and German	
Placement scoring matrix	
Score	Course
0-279	1001
280-319	1002
320-359	1003
360-399	2001
400-439	2002
440-479	2003
480-above	2100 or above

Spanish	
Placement scoring matrix	
Score	Course
0-279	1001
280-319	1002
320-339	1003
340-389	2001
390-439	2002
440-479	2003
480-above	2100 or above

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French advising instructions:

- Students who place into 1001 or 1002 (score: 0-319) may register for that course without consulting an advisor, unless they previously studied 3 or more years of French.
- Students who score a 320 or above must meet with a French advisor.
- **Special note:** Students who score below a 320 and have had 3 or more years of high school French must speak with a language advisor before registering.

German advising instructions:

- Students will receive an email from Professor Gabi Kathoefer with further information regarding advising and course offerings for German.
- If a student has not yet communicated with a representative from the German program, s/he should contact Professor Gabi Kathoefer (Gabi.Kathoefer@du.edu).

Spanish advising instructions:

- Students who place into Spanish 1001 -2002 (score: 0-439) may register for that course without consulting an advisor, unless they previously studied 3 or more years of Spanish.
- Students who score a 440 or above must meet with a Spanish advisor.
- **Special note:** Students who score below a 320 and have had 3 or more years of high school Spanish must speak with a language advisor before registering.

Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Japanese and Russian

Placement scoring matrix

Score	Course
1	1001
2	1002
3	1003
4	2001
5	2002
6	2005
7	3000 or above

Arabic and Hebrew placement and advising instructions:

- Arabic and Hebrew placement tests are taken and language advisement provided during Discoveries Week language placement and advising.
 - **Arabic** registration and testing guidelines:
 - If you have never studied Arabic, please register for Arabic 1001.
 - If you speak Arabic but do not have experience reading or writing in Arabic, please register for Arabic 1001.
 - If you have not had formal instruction in Arabic, please register for Arabic 1001.

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- If you have had formal instruction and are able to read and write in Arabic, you must take the placement test and speak with Professor Maha Foster (maha.foster@du.edu) before registering during Discoveries Week.
- Native speakers who can speak, read, and write Arabic fluently may not enroll in 1000 and 2000 level Arabic language classes.
- **Hebrew** registration and testing guidelines:
 - If you have never studied Hebrew, please register for Hebrew 1001.
 - If your Hebrew knowledge is based on preparation for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration, please register for Hebrew 1001.
 - If your Hebrew knowledge is based on having attended a Jewish Day School until grade 6-8, please register for Hebrew 1001.
 - If you have had any other Hebrew experience, e.g. an Ulpan in Israel, Hebrew studies in a public High School, a Gap year in Israel, etc. and/or any other question, please contact Professor Sari Havis (sari.havis@du.edu) for further information.

Chinese and Italian placement and advising instructions:

- Students will receive an email from a representative from the program with their scores and further information regarding advising and course offerings.
 - If a student has not yet communicated with a representative from the Chinese program, s/he should contact Professor Jing Wang (jing.wang@du.edu).
 - If a student has not yet communicated with a representative from the Italian program, s/he should contact Professor Angelo Castagnino (angelo.castagnino@du.edu).
- All students who take the Chinese placement test must bring their writing sample and meet with a Chinese language advisor during Discoveries Language Advising to get their final placement level.

Japanese placement and advising instructions:

- Students take the J-CAT placement test online and send the official score report PDF file with their name and 87* ID number to Japanese Program Coordinator Shaughnessy-sensei (orna.shaughnessy@du.edu). After the Survey and J-CAT results have been received, students will hear back from the Japanese program by email regarding your placement in the Japanese language program.
- **Special note:** To get access to the test, students must register with J-CAT three days before they plan to take the placement test. Students will *not* be able to take the J-CAT during the Discoveries advising time if they have not registered three days prior to that date.

Latin and Russian placement and advising instructions:

- Latin and Russian paper placement tests are taken over the summer and submitted via mail or email (see the CWLC [website](#)). Students receive language advisement on campus during Discoveries Week.