

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 must complete and submit language placement tests by August 15, 2018. If students do not complete and submit a placement test for a previously studied language by **August 15, 2018**, the test results will not be processed until AFTER the Discoveries Orientation registration time on September 5, 2018. This may prevent students from registering for their preferred language class until the drop/add period begins. **NOTE:** AP or IB scores do not fulfill course placement or prerequisite requirements; AP/IB students must still complete the language placement test.

Arabic and Hebrew placement tests for fall quarter are only available during Discoveries Language Advising, and require student registration via email by **August 15, 2018**, 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 – **August 12, 2018** at the latest.

Language Advising

Language faculty advisors are available for all languages during the Discoveries Language Advising period:

Wednesday, September 5, 2017, between 8:00am and 10:30am
Anderson Academic Commons Special Events Room (290)

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. **Students will not be able to take language placement tests during Discoveries Language Advising (Arabic/Hebrew students see above).**

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.

Students should begin language classes early in their DU careers, in case they want to study abroad and/or they need the language for graduate research. Students interested in the [Global Masters Scholars Programs](#) should contact the [Center for World Languages & Cultures](#) for additional language learning options. Please remember that language classes should be started from the first day of class because of the intensity of daily work, and the importance of daily preparation and class engagement.

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 language placement test questions: [Center for World Languages & Cultures](#), 303.871.4601, cwlc@du.edu

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.
 - 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 must **register by August 12, 2018** at the latest to take the test by August 15, 2018.

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.

French and German

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

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

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

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

Spanish advising instructions:

- Spanish placement tests are taken over the summer online (see the CWLC [website](#)). Students should save their scores when they complete the test.
- Placement in any course is determined by level of achievement in the language, not by years of study in high school. Check prerequisites for individual courses. Level of achievement is measured by results of the test available on the CWLC [website](#).
- 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 should speak with a language advisor before registering.