

Graduate Foreign Language Proficiency Exam For students in the Korbel, IIC and IMBA programs

What is the exam?	The exam for these programs is a computer-based 3 hour exam called the STAMP4S (by Avant Assessment) which tests four language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking.
When can I take it?	Students are allowed to take the exam 3 times. If the student does not pass after 3 attempts, s/he has the option to enroll in language classes offered at DU. Consult your program director for details on which courses fulfill the requirement. Students are allowed to take the exam only once per quarter. For this reason students should take the exam at least 2 quarters prior to their anticipated graduation date. However, we advise taking it as early as possible upon beginning one's course of study.
Which languages are tested?	The STAMP4S exam is offered in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish and Hebrew (by request only). If you require testing in another language, we have a translation and reading only exam in Indonesian, Modern Greek, Portuguese and Swedish. However, there are not regular graders for all languages. If a student is able to identify a professor at DU who is a native speaker of one of these languages and s/he is willing, the student may be able to arrange for the professor to grade a test on the student's behalf. It is not in CWLC's purview to guarantee the availability of a grader in these or any other language.
Location	The exam is administered by the Center for World Languages and Cultures (CWLC) located in Anderson Academic Commons 336. The exam itself takes place in the Herold Research Instruction Room, AAC 275.
Testing Dates	Please check the CWLC website for upcoming testing dates . Tests are offered three times per quarter. Exams are not offered during the DU academic breaks, so plan ahead.
Registration	You must register at least 72 hours in advance for the exam. To do so, visit http://www.du.edu/cwlc/students/graduate/grad_proficiency.html
Fee	The fee for the exam is \$50, and payment is due before taking the test. The CWLC can accept cash or checks made out to "University of Denver." For cash payment, exact change is required. <i>You must bring payment with you the day of the exam or you will not be admitted to the exam.</i>
Cancellation Policy	We understand that lives are busy and things happen, however, cancellations and no-shows have an impact on CWLC staff and your fellow students. If we receive and acknowledge a cancellation email from you more than 24 hours before the exam for which you have registered, there will be no penalty. <i>If you do not show up on the exam day, you will be assessed a fee of \$50 and the no-show will be counted as a fail and one of your 3 attempts to pass the exam.</i>
Day of Exam	You will receive specific instructions by email about a week before the exam. Exam check-in begins 45 minutes before the exam and closes 20 minutes before the exam. This time is necessary for check-in, payment and preparation at the computer prior to beginning the exam. Do not be late, you will not be admitted and you will be charged as a no-show. You are not allowed any dictionaries, verb books, reference materials or electronic devices at the computer. All personal items must remain at the front of the room. Food and drink are not allowed in the exam rooms. You will be provided a headset with microphone during the exam.
Exam Preparation	Avant provides practice exams in each language to give you a feel for the format. Check the CWLC testing page for the link to the practice exams. The CWLC has tutoring staff available to help you prepare for the exam. All our tutors have taken the STAMP4S exam in the language they tutor. Check the CWLC tutoring page for the days/times for drop-in tutoring for your language.
What you need to pass	The benchmark scores for passing the DU proficiency requirement are set at a low-intermediate level. Each of the 4 skills is assessed on a scale of 1-8 or 1-9. To pass, you need a score of 4 or above on three of the four skills and no score may be below a 3. (Italian tests 3 scores on a scale of 1-6 only so you need 2 scores of 4 or above and no score below a 3.) See the Test Results Guide for specific information, which will also be mailed to you.
When will I know my results?	Avant Assessment grades the exams and results are typically released 1-2 weeks after the exam. The student and the program director are notified via email upon receipt of the grades. Please do not call the CWLC for test results. Results are mailed to all students, regardless of score. If you have passed, a signed letter certifying you have passed the DU requirements for proficiency is also included in your mailing.