

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Testing Services
FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAMS
IN FRENCH, GERMAN AND SPANISH
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- PURPOSE:** Foreign Language Placement Exams are available in French, German and Spanish. These exams provide information to help students select courses that correspond to their levels of achievement in a particular language.
- WHO MUST TEST:** Students are required to take a placement exam if they have had previous experience with the language and plan to continue their study of that language, or if they anticipate receiving CLEP Subject Exam credit in a foreign language.
NOTE: Students who have received transfer credit for college level study of a language need not take a placement exam and are to register for the course that follows the highest level course for which transfer credit has been granted.
- Students who plan to study a foreign language other than French, German or Spanish should see Professor Bentley (germanadvising@niu.edu) for Chinese, Japanese, Latin, Russian, as well as Burmese, Indonesian, Tagalog, and Thai, or Professor Solares-Larrave (spanishadvising@niu.edu) for Italian and Portuguese. Transfer students planning to study a foreign language other than French, German or Spanish are to register for the course that follows the highest level for which transfer credit has been granted.
- EXAM DESCRIPTION:** The Foreign Language Placement Exams consist of multiple choice items which measure reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, and in some cases, cultural knowledge. One hour and fifteen minutes of testing time are allowed. This exam may be taken only once.
- CONTACT:** Students with questions regarding exam content or for whom placement is not clear - for whatever the reason - are to contact the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Watson 111. Telephone (815) 753-1501.
- REGISTRATION:** Most testing dates require advance registration. Seating is limited. Contact Testing Services, Adams 128 well in advance of the date on which you wish to test. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone (815) 753-1203. E-mail: testing@niu.edu
- NOTE:** Examinees must bring photo identification to the exam and two number 2 pencils. .
- EXAM RESULTS:** Results and interpretation material will be available immediately following testing.