

PLACEMENT EXAM

The purpose of the Language Placement Exam is to determine at what level you should begin your language studies at VU. The exam will place you *into* a specific VU course. You must complete and pass this course in order to receive credit toward a language major or minor or toward a [General Education language requirement](#).

Placement Exams for Spring 2010 Registration

- [French Placement Exam](#): username: webexam / password: valpo383
- [German Placement Exam](#): password: crusaders1
- [Spanish Placement Exam](#): username: webexam / password: valpo383

During the regular registration period, the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures will forward placement scores to the Registrar every few days. If you are unable to register for a course after having taken the on-line exam, you should contact the [exam administrator](#) to confirm that your placement score has been forwarded to the Registrar.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

1 • Who should take the exam? Any student who is thinking of studying a language previously studied in high school should take the exam, regardless of the language requirements for the student's chosen major. 2 • Is there a fee to take the exam? No. 3 • May I take an exam in more than one language? Yes. 4 • May I take the exam more than once in a given language? Yes. We will look at any available scores when determining your placement. We generally use your highest score when determining your placement. 5 • May I use outside assistance when taking the exam? The use of outside assistance of any kind is prohibited when taking the placement exam. This includes assistance obtained through electronic or other means such as websites, dictionaries, textbooks, other individuals, etc. It would be to your disadvantage to use outside assistance since doing so might place you into a higher course for which you would not be properly prepared. Moreover, using outside assistance would also be a violation of the [Valparaiso University Honor Code](#): "I have neither given or received nor have I tolerated others' use of unauthorized aid." 6 • What if I plan to start a new language at VU? If you plan to study a new language at VU (one that you did not study in high school), you do not need to take the exam for that language. You should consult with a faculty member within your major or the General Catalog to find out the General Education requirements for your degree program 7 • I want to take a language class for elective credit (just for fun!) and not because my degree has a language

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requirement. Do I still need to take the exam? YES. 8 • What if I experience
technical difficulties or have additional questions? Contact [the exam administrator](#).
9 • How can I find out if my major has a language requirement? You should
consult with a faculty member within your major to find out the [General Education
requirements](#) for your degree program.

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