## Fall 2014 Placement Examination Information

### CHEMISTRY

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Students who wish to register for C1604 (Second Term General Chemistry, Intensive), C3045-3046 (Intensive Organic Chemistry for First-years) and W2507 (Intensive General Chemistry Lab) must attend an advising session on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, at 4:15pm where a brief introduction to course options will be given. Students should go to room 309 Havemeyer. Immediately following the session, a chemistry placement exam will be administered. **Note: students must bring calculators to this exam.**

**PLACEMENT RESULTS:** Students will be notified of their placement results via email from the Center for Student Advising no later than 5:00pm on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

For questions regarding placement results, course selection and academic advising, please contact:
Dr. Vesna Gasperov, Room 211A Havemeyer Hall, vg2231@columbia.edu

Dr. Gasperov will be available via email or in person during orientation office hours:
- Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm-4:00pm

### PHYSICS

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This session will offer a brief introduction to course options for your first year of physics, with a particular emphasis on the mandatory prerequisites and format of the C2801-2802 Accelerated Physics sequence. Following the discussion, students interested in taking Accelerated Physics will take a short evaluation exam covering introductory mechanics and elementary calculus. **Note: calculators may not be used during the exam.**

**PLACEMENT RESULTS:** Students will be notified of their placement results via email from the Center for Student Advising no later than 11:59pm on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

For questions regarding the Physics placement exam and results, please contact:
Professor Brian Cole, cole@nevis.columbia.edu

### MATH

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**Note:** The Mathematics Department offers separate information sessions for SEAS and CC students.

Students planning to take mathematics courses at Columbia are invited to attend an information session, which will provide a brief overview of course options and include a discussion regarding placement into the appropriate math course based on school policy, AP scores, and previous math background.

Students may attend the information session and/or the Academic Resources Fair to obtain placement information. The Academic Resources Fair will take place on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm in Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall. All academic departments, including the Math Department, will be present at the Academic Resources Fair to advise students individually.

In general, scores on the AB or BC Calculus AP exam are used to place both SEAS and CC students into the appropriate calculus class/level at Columbia.

The SEAS information session on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, will be followed by a placement exam **ONLY** for those SEAS students who don’t have AP Calculus scores. SEAS students should consult the Math Department flyer (emailed to all incoming SEAS students) for additional details.

The CC information session on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, will **NOT** be followed by a placement exam; it is an information session only.

For questions regarding calculus, please contact:
Prof. Robert Lipshitz, lipshitz@math.columbia.edu
MUSIC HUMANITIES
Friday, September 5th 10:00am—11:30am 622 Dodge Hall

The exemption exam for W1123: Masterpieces of Western Music (a.k.a. Music Humanities) will last about 90 minutes. It requires identification of major musical masterworks, answering questions on techniques and styles based on played excerpts from the Middle Ages through the present, and short answers on principal musical terms and concepts. Students who wish to take the exemption exam MUST do so on Friday, September 5th; students may not take the exam at a later date.

PLACEMENT RESULTS: Students will be notified of their results via email on or around Wednesday, September 10th.

For questions regarding the Music Humanities exemption exam and results, please contact:
Professor Elaine Sisman, 604 Dodge Hall, 212-854-7728, es53@columbia.edu

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Language placement at Columbia is determined in one of two ways. Students who wish to continue with a language they studied in secondary school MUST either take a Columbia language department placement exam in order to register for a course in that language OR submit results from SAT II Subject Tests or Advanced Placement exams. Those students who have demonstrated proficiency in a language via SAT II or AP should refer to the Academic Planning Guide for New Students, pages 45-46, for specific course placement information. Students who have not taken an SAT II Subject Test or an AP exam must take a Columbia departmental exam in order to determine appropriate placement. Placement exams are scheduled for the following languages (scheduled exam dates and times are listed below in alphabetical order): Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Persian, Russian, Spanish and Turkish.

If you need to take a placement exam in any of the other foreign languages offered at Columbia, you may make arrangements to do so through the language program coordinator in that department. The names and office locations of these coordinators can be found in the Academic Planning Guide for New Students, page 46-47, or on the following page of the online Columbia College Bulletin: http://www.college.columbia.edu/bulletin/core/fl.php

*IMPORTANT NOTE: Columbia College students who test out of the Language Requirement in Arabic, Hindi-Urdu or Japanese must obtain official certification/documentation from the department. Students are then responsible for submitting this documentation directly to their Advising Dean in the Center for Student Advising. All other departments will communicate placement results to the Center for Student Advising on your behalf, so that exemptions may be noted in your record.

ARABIC
Friday, August 29th 10:00am—1:00pm 101 and 104 Knox Hall

The Arabic placement exam is very similar in content and format to a final exam. It is made up of three sections: (1) reading comprehension; (2) grammar; (3) and composition. This written portion of the exam will take approximately 2 hours. After you have been placed in the appropriate level, your instructor will monitor your proficiency for the first two weeks to verify that you were placed appropriately. Visit the program website for more information:
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/mealac/languages/arabic/registrationguidelines.html

PLACEMENT RESULTS: The department will notify students via email no later than 5:00pm on Monday, September 1st.

Important Note: if you are exempt from the Columbia College foreign-language requirement per your placement exam results, you must contact the department to receive a certificate of exemption and deliver that certificate to your Advising Dean in the Center for Student Advising.

For more information regarding the Arabic placement exam and results, please contact:
Prof. Taoufik Ben-Amor, tb46@columbia.edu, 212-854-2895
Prof. Reem Faraj-Kanjawi, rf2273@columbia.edu, 212-854-9917
**CHINESE**

Thursday, August 28th 10:00am—12:30pm 413 Kent Hall

Students who have scored **780-800 on the SAT II Chinese Test** or **5 on the AP exam** can be exempted from the 2-year language requirement, and thus there is no need for them to take the placement exam. Upon confirmation of the score, a student’s advising dean can issue a foreign-language exemption.

Students are advised to arrive 10 minutes early to the Chinese placement exam, which will begin promptly at 10:00am and consist of a timed writing exercise (30 minutes), listening comprehension section (approx. 20 minutes), and a written test that will focus on grammar, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. Please visit the following website for more details about the Chinese language exam: [http://ealac.columbia.edu/language-programs/chinese/clp-placement/](http://ealac.columbia.edu/language-programs/chinese/clp-placement/)

**PLACEMENT RESULTS:** Results will be posted outside room 401 Kent Hall and 508 Kent Hall after 4:00pm on Thursday, August 28th. Students may also choose to receive their results by email.

Students who have questions about Chinese courses or overseas Chinese programs should consult the program director, Dr. Lenin Liu, at li172@columbia.edu.

**For more information regarding the Chinese placement exam and results, please contact:**
Lingjun Hu, 508 Kent Hall, 212-854-2311, lh2318@columbia.edu

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**FRENCH**

**ONLINE ONLY**

The French placement exam is online and may be taken **only once.** When you are ready to take the exam, go to [http://webcape.byuhtrsc.org/?acct=columbia](http://webcape.byuhtrsc.org/?acct=columbia). The password is **roareel**. Be sure to choose “French” from the drop-down menu. If you achieve a score of 625 or above, you should speak with Professor Pascale Hubert-Leibler ([ph2028@columbia.edu](mailto:ph2028@columbia.edu)) to be considered for exemption from the Columbia College foreign-language requirement.

Visit the Department Website for more information: [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/french/department/placement.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/french/department/placement.html)

**PLACEMENT RESULTS:** Student will receive their results immediately after taking the exam.

**For more information regarding the French placement exam and results, please contact:**
Benita Dace, 521 Philosophy Hall, [byd1@columbia.edu](mailto:byd1@columbia.edu), 212-854-2500
or Isabelle Chagnon, 519 Philosophy Hall, [ic7@columbia.edu](mailto:ic7@columbia.edu), 212-854-7978

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**GERMAN**

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Students who studied German in high school (including those who took the AP exam) and who wish to continue with German at Columbia should take the department’s placement exam to determine appropriate course placement. The exam, which will last approximately 60-90 minutes and be offered on three days/times, tests communication skills (including listening, reading, and writing) to ensure that students are correctly placed. Please arrive promptly. Students who completed German language classes abroad over the summer must also take this placement exam.

Detailed course descriptions can be accessed via [http://www.columbia.edu/~rak23](http://www.columbia.edu/~rak23).

**PLACEMENT RESULTS:** The department will email students the placement results as soon as possible after the exam.

**For more information regarding the German placement exam and results, please contact:**
Professor Richard Alan Korb, 311 Hamilton Hall, 212-854-2070, [rak23@columbia.edu](mailto:rak23@columbia.edu), or Peggy Quisenberry ([pq2@columbia.edu](mailto:pq2@columbia.edu))

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Visit the program website for more information: [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/mesaas/languages/hebrew/](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/mesaas/languages/hebrew/)

**PLACEMENT RESULTS:** The department will notify students via email (usually within two days).

**For more information regarding the Hebrew placement exam and results, please contact:**
Professor Rina Kreitman, 413 Knox Hall, 212-854-6519, [rk2617@columbia.edu](mailto:rk2617@columbia.edu)
**HINDI-URDU**

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Visit the program website for more information: [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/mesaas/languages/hindiurdu/](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/mesaas/languages/hindiurdu/)

**PLACEMENT RESULTS:** The department will notify students via email.

**Important Note:** if you are exempt from the Columbia College foreign-language requirement per your placement exam results, you must contact the department to receive a certificate of exemption and deliver that certificate to your Advising Dean in the Center for Student Advising.

For more information regarding the Hindi-Urdu placement exam and results, please contact:
Professor Rakesh Ranjan, 411 Knox Hall, 212 851-4107, rr2574@columbia.edu

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**ITALIAN**

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Please note that dictionaries are **not** allowed. Visit the department website for more information: [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/italian/](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/italian/)

**PLACEMENT RESULTS:** The department will notify students via email by Monday, September 1st.

For more information regarding the Italian placement exam and results, please contact:
Aurelia Rabot-Hernandez, 502 Hamilton Hall, 212-854-2308, aa2783@columbia.edu

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**JAPANESE**

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The test consists of two parts: a written and listening comprehension exam, and an oral interview. Students who wish to take the Japanese placement test must **sign up in advance** at the following website: [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac/japanese/plreg.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac/japanese/plreg.html)

**PLACEMENT RESULTS:** Placement results will be posted outside of 520 Kent Hall by 5:00pm on Thursday, August 28th. Students must come in person to get their test results. Placement information will not be given over the phone or via email.

**Important Note:** if you are exempt from the Columbia College foreign-language requirement per your placement exam results, you must contact the Japanese Language Program to receive a certificate of exemption and deliver that certificate to your Advising Dean in the Center for Student Advising.

For more information regarding the Japanese placement exam and results, please contact:
Miharu Nittono, 516 Kent, 212-854-5500, mn70@columbia.edu

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Students planning to take the Korean placement test should register in person at the departmental main office (407 Kent Hall) or via phone at (212) 854-5027 at least one day before the test. Please visit the following website for updated information about the Korean language exam: [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac/korean/index.htm](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac/korean/index.htm)

**PLACEMENT RESULTS:** The department will notify students via email by 4:00pm on Thursday, August 28th.

For more information regarding the Korean placement exam and results, please contact:
Professor Carol Schulz, 402 Kent, 212-854-5037, chs3@columbia.edu

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**PLACEMENT RESULTS:** The Center for Student Advising will notify students via email by Friday, August 29th.

For more information regarding the Latin placement exam and results, please contact:
Gerry Visco, 617 Hamilton Hall, 212-854-2726, gvw1@columbia.edu
### PERSIAN

**Wednesday, August 27**

2:00pm—4:00pm  
116 Knox Hall


**Placement Results:** The department will notify students via email on Friday, August 29. Students wishing to take the proficiency exam (rather than the placement exam) must notify the proctor at the start, as this is a different exam.

**For more information regarding the Persian placement or proficiency exam and results, please contact:**  
Dr. Ghazzal Dabiri, 313 Knox Hall, [gd2287@columbia.edu](mailto:gd2287@columbia.edu)

### RUSSIAN

**Wednesday, August 27**

1:30pm—2:45pm  
703 Hamilton Hall

The Slavic Department will also host a reception for new students on Thursday, August 28 from 1:00pm to 2:00 pm in 709 Hamilton Hall. All new students are welcome. In addition to beginning and advanced courses in Russian and other Slavic languages, the department offers courses in literature and culture that have no prerequisites (readings are in English).

**Placement Results:** The department will notify students via email by Thursday, August 28.

**For more information regarding the Russian placement exam and results or to schedule an exam at a different time, please contact:**  
Professor Frank Miller, 701 Hamilton Hall, [fjm6@columbia.edu](mailto:fjm6@columbia.edu)

### SPANISH

**Thursday, August 28**

10:00am—1:30pm  
352 IAB (International Affairs Building)

(for foreign language exemption status only)

You may take the Spanish placement exam online any time at [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/spanish/undergraduate/placeexam.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/spanish/undergraduate/placeexam.html).  
**Please note: you may take the exam only once.** It consists of multiple-choice questions about vocabulary, grammar and reading comprehension. There is no oral or listening component to the exam. Since it is an adaptive test, the length varies from one individual to another, with an average time of 20 minutes. You and the Department of Latin American and Iberian Cultures will be notified of your score and placement recommendation immediately upon completion of the exam. Please print a copy of the results for your Advising Dean.

If your score on the online test qualifies you for exemption from the language requirement at Columbia (higher than 625), you will be required to take another version of the exam on Thursday, August 28 between 10:00am and 1:30pm in Room 352 of the International Affairs Building (the Language Resource Center Computer Lab). You do not need to make an appointment to sit for this exam.

**Placement Results:** Placement results are available immediately after the test.

**For questions regarding the Spanish placement exam and results, please contact:**  
Dr. Diana Romero, [rd2170@columbia.edu](mailto:rd2170@columbia.edu)

### TURKISH

**Friday, August 29**

11:00am – 2:00pm  
103 Knox Hall

Students who wish to place into intermediate or advanced Turkish classes must take the placement exam; beginners don’t need to take it. Those taking the Turkish placement exam must also schedule with Zuleyha Colak ([zc2208@columbia.edu](mailto:zc2208@columbia.edu)) an appointment for the oral component on Friday afternoon, August 29th.

**Placement Results:** Students will be notified by email on Saturday, August 30th.

**For questions regarding the Turkish placement exam and results, please contact:**  
Zuleyha Colak, [zc2208@columbia.edu](mailto:zc2208@columbia.edu)