

Fall 2015 Placement Examination Information

CHEMISTRY

Tuesday, September 1st

12:45pm—2:45pm

309 Havemeyer Hall

Students who wish to register for W1604 (Second Term General Chemistry, Intensive), W3045-3046 (Intensive Organic Chemistry for First-years) and W2507 (Intensive General Chemistry Lab) must attend an information session on Tuesday, September 1st, at 12:45pm where a brief introduction to course options will be given. Students should go to room 309 Havemeyer. Immediately following the information 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 11:59pm on Wednesday, September 2nd.

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, September 2nd, 1:15-2:45pm

Thursday, September 3rd, 12:15-1:45pm

PHYSICS

Wednesday, September 2nd

9:00am—10:20am

301 Pupin Hall

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 by 11:59am on Thursday, September 3rd.

For questions regarding the Physics placement exam and results, please contact:

Professor Brian Cole, cole@nevis.columbia.edu

MATH

Tuesday, September 1st

11:00am—12:30 pm

****for SEAS students only****

312 Math

Tuesday, September 1st

1:30pm—2:30pm

****for CC students only****

Lerner Hall Cinema

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, September 2nd from 10:30am to 12:30pm 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 will be followed by a placement exam **ONLY** for those SEAS students who do **not** have AP Calculus scores. SEAS students should consult the Math Department flyer (which will be emailed to all incoming SEAS students) for additional details.

The CC information session will **NOT** be followed by a placement exam; it is an information session only.

For questions regarding calculus, please contact:

Prof. Michael Thaddeus, thaddeus@math.columbia.edu

MUSIC HUMANITIES

Friday, September 11th

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, concepts and composers. **Students who wish to take the exemption exam MUST do so on Friday, September 11th; 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 16th.

For questions regarding the Music Humanities exemption exam and results, please contact:

Professor Giuseppe Gerbino, 607 Dodge Hall, 212-854-6299, gg2024@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 49-50, 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, or **if the placement exam times below conflict with other mandatory NSOP events that you must attend**, you should try to make alternative arrangements through the language program coordinator in the given department. The names and office locations of these coordinators, when not listed below, can be found in the [Academic Planning Guide for New Students](#), pages 50-51.

ARABIC

Friday, September 4th

10:00am—1:00pm

103 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/mesaas/languages/arabic/registration.html>

PLACEMENT RESULTS: The department will notify students via email by 5:00pm on Monday, September 7th.

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, September 3rd

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. The exam also includes an oral assessment, which will take about 5 minutes. It will be held after students finish the written portion of the exam. Please visit the following website for more details about the Chinese language exam: <http://ealac.columbia.edu/language-programs/chinese/clp-placement/>

Please register ahead of time for the Chinese placement exam here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iKm9HCmsOEKMFJL8jCZNmJZGLzwB_0aPaFV5LQAAYwg/viewform

PLACEMENT RESULTS: Results will be posted outside room 401 Kent Hall and 508 Kent Hall after 4:00pm on Thursday, September 3rd. 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. Lening Liu, at ll172@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

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.byuhtsrc.org?acct=columbia>. The password is **roaree1**. 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) 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>

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, 212-854-2500
or Isabelle Chagnon, 519 Philosophy Hall, ic7@columbia.edu, 212-854-7978

GERMAN

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| Wednesday, September 2 nd | 1:00pm—2:30pm | 516 Hamilton Hall |
| Friday, September 4 th | 10:00am—11:30am | 328 Milbank Hall |
| Friday, September 11 th | 11:30am—1:00pm | 411 Hamilton Hall |

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>.

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, or Peggy Quisenberry (pq2@columbia.edu)

HEBREW

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| Wednesday, September 2 nd | 1:00pm-4:00pm | 103 Knox Hall |
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Visit the program website for more information: <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

HINDI-URDU

Thursday, September 3rd 10:00am-1:00pm 103 Knox Hall

Visit the program website for more information: <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

ITALIAN

Wednesday, September 2nd 2:00pm—4:00pm 501 Hamilton Hall
Friday, September 4th 10:00am—12:00pm 501 Hamilton Hall

Please note that dictionaries are **not** allowed. Visit the department website for more information: <http://italian.columbia.edu/>

PLACEMENT RESULTS: The department will notify students via email by Monday, September 7th.

For more information regarding the Italian placement exam and results, please contact:

Aurelia Rabot-Hernandez, 502 Hamilton Hall, 212-854-2308, aa2783@columbia.edu

JAPANESE

Thursday, September 3rd 10:00am—12:30pm 411 Kent Hall

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 should **sign up in advance** at the following website: <http://ealac.columbia.edu/language-programs/japanese/jlp-placement/>

PLACEMENT RESULTS: Placement results will be posted outside 520 Kent Hall by 5:00pm on Thursday, September 3rd. Students must come in person to get their test results. Placement information will not be given over the phone or via email.

For more information regarding the Japanese placement exam and results, please contact:

Miharu Nittono, 212-854-5500, mn70@columbia.edu

KOREAN

Thursday, September 3rd 10:00am—12:30pm 423 and 424 Kent Hall

No pre-registration is required for students planning to take the Korean placement. Just come 10 minutes early and fill out the registration form before the exam. Please note that after you finish the written exam, there will be a short (15-minute) interview as the oral component of this assessment. Additional information can be found here: <http://ealac.columbia.edu/language-programs/korean/klp-placement/>

PLACEMENT RESULTS: The results will be posted on the bulletin board next to 404 Kent Hall by 4:00pm on Thursday, September 3rd, and the language program director will report students' results to the appropriate school via email approximately two weeks after the exam.

For more information regarding the Korean placement exam and results, please contact:

Beom Lee, 404 Kent, 212-854-5144, bl355@columbia.edu

Carol H. Schulz, 402 Kent, 212-854-5037, chs3@columbia.edu

LATIN

Tuesday, September 1st 12:45pm—2:45pm 603 Hamilton Hall

PLACEMENT RESULTS: The Center for Student Advising will notify students via email by 11:59pm on Wednesday, September 2nd.

For more information regarding the Latin placement exam and results, please contact:

Gerry Visco, 617 Hamilton Hall, 212-854-2726, gwv1@columbia.edu

PERSIAN

Thursday, September 3rd

1:00pm—3:00pm

104 Knox Hall

Visit the department website for more information: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/mealac/languages/persian/>

PLACEMENT RESULTS: The department will notify students via email on Friday, September 4th. 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:

Saeed Honarmand, 313 Knox, 212-854-6664, sh3468@columbia.edu

RUSSIAN

Wednesday, September 2nd

2:00pm—4:00pm

703 Hamilton Hall

Note: there is a follow-up oral exam on Thursday, September 3rd starting at 10:00am. (Students will need to sign up for the oral part when they come to take the written part on Wednesday, September 2nd.)

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, September 3rd.

For more information regarding the Russian placement exam/results or to schedule an exam at a different time, please contact:

Alla Smyslova, 708 Hamilton Hall, as2157@columbia.edu

Frank Miller, 701 Hamilton Hall, fjm6@columbia.edu

SPANISH

Thursday, September 3rd

10:00am—2:00pm

352 IAB (International Affairs Building)

(for foreign language exemption status only)

You may take the Spanish placement exam online any time at <http://laic.columbia.edu/programs/placement-examination/>.

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 save a screen-shot of your score and also 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, September 3rd between 10:00am and 2:00pm 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. Lee B. Abraham, lba2133@columbia.edu

TURKISH

Thursday, September 3rd

2:00pm—4:00pm

101 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 Dr. Zuleyha Colak (zc2208@columbia.edu) an appointment for the oral component, ideally in the afternoon of Friday, September 4th.

PLACEMENT RESULTS: Students will be notified by email on Saturday, September 5th.

For questions regarding the Turkish placement exam and results, please contact:

Dr. Zuleyha Colak, 313 Knox Hall, 212-854-0473, zc2208@columbia.edu