

PLACEMENT EXAM
CREDIT BY EXAM
FRENCH and SPANISH

The Placement Exam

- All students who plan to resume study of the language they studied in high school must take the placement exam for that language. Transfer students who have been awarded college credit in French or Spanish are exempt from this requirement. The test is also available for German, though students should be aware that UMaine offers courses only through the intermediate (GER 203/204) level.
- The test is an online exam that can be taken at any time by following this link: <http://webcape.org/nwcregister.php?acct=umaine>. Use password “**blackbears1.**”
- Upon completion of the test, students will automatically receive their score and a recommended placement level. Students whose scores fall within ten points of the cut-off for a given level should confirm their placement with the faculty coordinator for that course (beginning or intermediate). A printed copy of the results should be given to the instructor.

Credit by Examination

- Students who have studied a language for three or more years in high school may opt for credit by examination at the intermediate level. **No credit** is awarded for elementary language courses.
- The test is the same test described above and can be taken online at any time.
- Credit is awarded retroactively. Three to six credits at the intermediate level will be awarded upon successful completion of a course at the next higher level. For example, a student who places into Intermediate II is eligible to receive three (3) credits for Intermediate I upon successful completion (a grade of B or higher) of Intermediate II. A student who places into the 300 level and higher is also eligible for credit for Intermediate II if they successfully complete a second course at a higher level.
- Upon completion of a course, bring a copy of your grade for the course, together with your exam score, to the chairperson of the Department of Modern Languages and Classics. S/he will determine which credits are to be awarded and will write a letter to the Office of Student Records, which will post the credits to your academic transcript.
- **No credit** is awarded for a student’s native language.

HOW TO READ YOUR PLACEMENT SCORE:

Name: JOE STUDENT

Id number:

E-mail: JOESTUDENT@UNIVERSITY.EDU

Started: 6:59 AM Tue 11 Apr 2006

Ended: 7:15 AM Tue 11 Apr 2006

Duration: 0 hours 16 minutes

Points: 430

Placement:

Spanish

Below 296: Spanish sem1
(SPA 101)

296 – 355: Spanish sem2
(SPA 102)

356 – 440: Spanish sem3
(SPA 203)

*Above 440: Spanish sem4+
(SPA 204 or above)

French

Below 281: French sem I
(FRE 101)

281-345: French sem 2
(FRE 102)

346-402: French sem 3
(FRE 201)

*Above 403: French sem 4+
(FRE 202 or above)

German

Below 328: German sem 1
(GER 101)

328-416: German sem 2
(GER 102)

417-548: German sem 3
(GER 203)

*Above 548: German sem 4+
(GER 204 or above)

*Discuss your placement with a member of the faculty.

NOTE: A student with an exam score within ten points of the cut-off score should consult the course coordinator to consider other factors before shifting to a higher or lower level course.

To view your test results again at a later time:

1. Return to the WebCAPE exam website;
2. Fill out the top of the survey form exactly as you did when taking the exam;
3. Press the Resume button.

To make a copy of the results, use your browser's File menu to save to a file, print, or send them via email.

Should you have any further questions, please contact:

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