

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT TEST

What is the Foreign Language Placement Test? It is test that measures your language skills learned from high school courses, or life experiences. The test results will determine how many courses you can skip over. The Foreign Language faculty members will grade your test and provide for you their expert recommendation for the appropriate class to take.

Why should I take the Placement Test? If you've taken at least two high school Spanish or French courses, you may have the skills to place out of Spanish or French 101 or 102. By attempting the Placement Test you can reach your academic goals faster.

Can I earn credit by taking the Placement Test? No, it is simply a tool to allow you to register for the class at your skill level. You must take the EXEMPTION EXAM not the Placement Test to EARN CREDIT for a Spanish or French class. Neither the Placement Test nor the Exemption Exam earns the student any G.P.A. (Grade Point Average)

What are the biggest differences between the Placement Test and Exemption Exam? You can earn credit if you pass the Exemption Exam, but not with the Placement Test. The Placement Test allows you to register for the best class for your skill level. The Exemption Exam costs \$75 per test and must be scheduled in advance with the Head of the Humanities Department. The Placement Test is free, and you can take it at any time by going to the Assessment Center in Miller Hall.

What happens if I do not pass the Placement Test? The Spanish or French faculty members will grade your test and will help you choose the appropriate class for you. It does not affect your G.P.A. and will not appear on your transcript.

How much does it cost to take the Placement Test? The Placement Test is FREE and available to all students.

When and where do I take the Placement Test? You can take the test in the Assessment Center in Miller Hall (Pendleton Campus) during the Assessment Center's normal business hours.

How many times can I take the Placement Test? You can only take the test once.

Is there ever a situation when I should not take the Placement Test? Yes, if the transferring 4-year college requires that the student takes SPA 101, 102 or FRE 101, 102.

Can I take the Placement Test and then the Exemption Exam? The Placement Test assesses the student skills as they prepare to enter the next level. The Exemption Exam assesses knowledge of the complete course. Therefore, success in one cannot measure the student's success in the other.

How do I learn the results of my Placement Test? Contact the Head of the Humanities Department, Dr. Della Vanhuss, at 646-1380 or dvanhuss@tctc.edu.