

Fall 2020 Placement Exam Info

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Placement Examination Information: Fall 2020

Incoming students planning to enroll in courses in the departments listed below must take placement exams.

Review the chart below for information about exam formats, instructions, locations, and availability. Some exams will be offered **online** beginning **August 1, 2020**. Other exams will be offered during Orientation week.

You may complete any online placement exams in August before you arrive on campus, using a computer with internet access.

Follow the “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” on the last page. If you do not have internet access, you can take your online placement exams on campus after you arrive.

To view websites for Middlebury academic departments, visit go.middlebury.edu/depts.

All telephone extensions listed below are preceded by the College’s general number: 802-443-(4-digit extension).

Department and exam location	Who should take the placement exam?	Exam components	Exam length	Contact with questions
<p>Arabic</p> <p>Contact Prof. Soltan on August 17th or after to schedule your placement exam.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students who studied Arabic and wish to place into Arabic 103 or higher are required to take a placement exam. Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit. 	Oral and written exam	15-minute interview and 60-minute written test (via Zoom)	<p>Professor Usama Soltan, x5869, usoltan@middlebury.edu</p>
<p>Chemistry and Biochemistry</p> <p>Exam available online – follow instructions on last page</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students wishing to take chemistry during their first year are required to take the chemistry placement test, except for those who have received credit based on the AP exam, International Baccalaureate HL exam, or British A levels. The Placement Exam will assist the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in determining whether placement in CHEM 0103 or CHEM 0104 is more appropriate. Students who enter with advanced placement should register for CHEM 0107. After you have completed the online placement exam, go to http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/chem/resources/placementexam/chem-exam-results, to interpret your results. If you have questions about your results, contact Molly Costanza-Robinson (mcostanz@middlebury.edu) to discuss the best placement for you. See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” on the last page. 	Computer-based written test; may use a calculator	60–90 minutes	<p>Professor Molly Costanza-Robinson, x5571, mcostanz@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Judy Mayer, x5451, jmayer@middlebury.edu</p>

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<p>Chinese</p> <p><i>Oral interview by zoom and online written test</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students who have learned some Mandarin (at home, in the classroom, and/or abroad) and who wish to continue their study of Mandarin at Middlebury at any level other than the Fall Semester Beginning Chinese (CHNS 0101) are required to take the placement exam and should do so during Orientation week. Students who have studied Mandarin but who wish to start over at the beginning in the Fall (CHNS 0101) do not need to take the placement exam. Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit. 	<p>Oral Interview by zoom, followed as necessary by a 30-60 online written test</p>	<p>60 minutes</p>	<p>Professor Thomas Moran, x5870, moran@middlebury.edu</p>
<p>Computer Science</p> <p><i>Email Professor Dickerson</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No placement exam is offered for computer science. Students wishing to enroll in Middlebury CS courses beyond the 100-level should email Professor Matthew Dickerson starting the week of August 24th to determine appropriate placement. 	<p>None; email with department chair if wishing to enroll in CS beyond the 100-level</p>		<p>Professor Matthew Dickerson, x5460, dickerso@middlebury.edu</p>
<p>Economics</p> <p><i>Email Dept. Coordinator Amy Holbrook</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no placement exam in Economics. However, students with IB score of 6 or higher on the IB Higher Level economics or a grade of A on A-Level Economics that can be used to fulfill the intro (macro and/or micro) economics course requirements should contact Amy Holbrook about getting a “placement” code added to their record for the purpose of registration. Students with a score of 6 or higher on the IB Higher Level economics or a grade of A on A-Level Economics receive course credit for one intro (macro or micro) economics course. The other credit must be made up with an additional elective. Students with IB Statistics, or a grade of B or better on A-Level Statistics, that can be used to fulfill the ECON 0210 Economic Statistics prerequisite should contact Amy Holbrook about getting a “placement” code added to their record for the purpose of registration for courses with ECON 0210 as a prerequisite. Since Banner Web does not recognize transfer credits, students who have other transfer credits that can be used as an econ course equivalent should contact Amy Holbrook about getting a prerequisite override for the purpose of registration. Students with an AP score of 4 or 5 in macro and/or micro economics will receive one credit per AP score after they are officially submitted to the Registrar’s Office and according to the rules outlined on the Economics Department Requirement’s page. For any of the circumstances listed above, if the credits have not been officially transferred to your Middlebury record please plan to do so immediately and, in the meantime, be prepared to show proof of your scores to Amy Holbrook to get the appropriate override or “placement” code added to your record for the purpose of registration. Students failing to transfer credits towards the minimum total for the major will be required to take additional electives to meet the minimum number of 11 economics courses. For more detailed information on IB, A-Levels, and Transfer of Credit, please refer to the economics department’s Requirement page, http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/econ/requirements or set up a time to meet with Amy Holbrook. 	<p>None; Meet with Department Coordinator</p>		<p>Professor Jeff Carpenter, x3241, jcarpent@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Amy Holbrook, x5327, holbrook@middlebury.edu</p>

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<p><u>French and Francophone Studies</u></p> <p><i>Exam available online – follow instructions on last page</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students interested in beginning French at Middlebury (FREN 0101) should consult with French faculty during the orientation period or at Academic Forum. • All continuing students of French must take a placement exam. We strongly encourage you to do so before arriving on campus. • See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” on the last page. • Placement results will be available at Academic Forum prior to registration. Faculty will be available to advise students of their placement. 	Computer-based written test	50 minutes	<p>Professor William Poulin-Deltour, x5248, wpoulin@middlebury.edu, or Department Coordinator Jolene Newton, x5527, jynewton@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>German</u></p> <p><i>Email Professor Feiereisen in mid-August for link to online exam.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students with a background in German are invited to take the test. • Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit. 	Online written test; link available by contacting department chair.	60 minutes	<p>Professor Florence Feiereisen, x5820, ffeierei@middlebury.edu</p>

<p><u>Italian</u></p> <p><i>Contact Professor Mula to set up Zoom interview.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students who have studied Italian and wish to place into ITAL 0103 or higher are required to contact the Chair of the Italian Department during the Summer, to schedule a 15-minute Zoom interview with a member of the Italian Department (to be completed preferably before Registration). 	<p>Interview (via Zoom)</p>	<p>15 minutes</p>	<p>Professor Stefano Mula, x5530, smula@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>Japanese Studies</u></p> <p><i>Contact Professor Takahashi by email.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students who have had some Japanese and are planning to study Japanese should take the exam. Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit. Please contact Professor Masa Takahashi via e-mail to receive the link to the written portion of the placement exam and to schedule a Zoom video oral interview time. Students are expected to complete the written portion prior to the Zoom interview. 	<p>Written placement exam followed by zoom interview.</p>	<p>60 minutes</p>	<p>Professor Masahiro Takahashi, x3251, mtakahas@middlebury.edu</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Latin</u></p> <p><i>Exam available online – follow instructions on last page.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any students interested in continuing their study of Latin should take this test. See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” on the last page. 	<p>Computer-based written exam; may use a dictionary</p>	<p>45 minutes</p>	<p>Professor Randall Ganiban, x5888, ganiban@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <p><i>Contact Professor Abbott if you have questions about the placement email you receive from the department in August.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No placement exam is offered for mathematics; each student will receive an e-mail when orientation begins, based upon review of high school transcripts. <i>Students will only be able to register for the courses into which they were placed in this e-mail.</i> Should any concerns arise regarding math placement, or if no placement has been determined, students are invited to discuss this with the Department of Mathematics, either in Warner 309 during the placement exam period or at Academic Forum. Advanced placement in the department is offered to first-year students whose secondary training indicates they can commonly bypass one or more of the beginning courses in mathematics. <i>Students who have earned grades on advanced placement calculus exams that are eligible for credit may not register for the equivalent course at Middlebury College.</i> Thus, students who have earned 4 or 5 on the Calculus AB exam or a 3 on the Calculus BC exam may not register for MATH 0121, and students who have earned 4 or 5 on the Calculus BC exam may not register for MATH 0121 or MATH 0122. This policy applies irrespective of whether students choose to use their AP credits toward meeting Middlebury’s graduation requirements. The following international credentials carry the same credit as a 4 or 5 on the Calculus BC Exam: A-level exam with a mathematics grade of A, B, or C; or IB Higher Level Mathematics with a grade of 6 or 7. 	<p>None; placement indicated in email</p>		<p>Professor Steve Abbott, x2256, abbott@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Jen Nuceder, x5565, jmnucede@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>Music</u></p> <p><i>Contact Professor Taylor for placement exam materials.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students who wish to place out of Music 0160, Music Theory I: Fundamentals, should take this exam. A score of C or better is required to receive placement into any courses that have MUSC 0160 as a prerequisite. Students with an AP score of 4 or 5 in music theory may take this exam. If they receive a grade of C or better, they will receive credit for MUSC 0160 and placement into any courses that have MUSC 0160 as a prerequisite. 	<p>Written test, sent via email.</p>	<p>30 minutes</p>	<p>Professor Matthew Taylor, x5696, matthewt@middlebury.edu</p>

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<p>Physics</p> <p><i>Contact Department Chair (fdc@middlebury.edu) for the link to a Zoom session.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No placement exam is offered for physics. Students wishing to enroll in physics courses at Middlebury should attend a Zoom session on Tuesday, September 1 any time between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., to meet with physics faculty and determine their appropriate placement. Those interested in attending the session should contact the Chair of the physics department (fdc@middlebury.edu) to obtain the link to the Zoom session. 	None; meet with faculty		<p>Professor Susan Watson, X5958, fdc@middlebury.edu</p>
<p>(Luso-Hispanic Studies) Portuguese</p> <p><i>Email Professor Garcia for a personal interview re Portuguese.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students wishing to take Beginning Portuguese for Romance Language Speakers need to have taken either FREN 0205, ITAL 0251, or SPAN 0220; OR have taken the French, Italian, or Spanish placement exam and be placed at FREN 0210, ITAL 0252, or SPAN 0300 or above. Students wishing to study Portuguese in any other course must contact Professor Enrique Garcia (egarcia@middlebury.edu) to set up a personal interview. 			<p>Professor Enrique Garcia, x5272, egarcia@middlebury.edu</p>
<p>Psychology</p> <p><i>Online exam coming. Contact Jason Arndt, Department Chair after August 26th.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students with an AP score of 4 or 5 in psychology, or a score of 6 or 7 on the IB Higher Level Psychology exam, do not need to take the placement exam. If the AP or IB credit has already been transferred to Middlebury, students automatically receive one course credit for PSYC 0105, Introductory Psychology. If the AP credit hasn't been transferred yet, please talk to Professor Arndt about getting the credit temporarily added to your record for the purpose of registration. Students with lower AP/IB scores or who have done previous psychology course work may choose to take the department placement exam. A passing score on the placement exam means that students may enroll in courses that have a PSYC 0105 prerequisite, but it does not provide credit toward the major/minor, graduation or other College requirements. An online placement exam will be available during Orientation week. Please contact Professor Arndt after August 26th. 	Short test	15–25 minutes	<p>Professor Jason Arndt, x3404, jarndt@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Tanya Hershey, x5838, tshershey@middlebury.edu</p>
<p>Russian</p> <p><i>Exam available online – follow instructions on last page.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only students who have studied Russian and plan to take Russian should take this exam. See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” on the last page. Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit. All students who have completed the exam should then email Professor Moss to arrange during Orientation an oral interview through zoom. 	Computer-based written exam and oral interview	45–60 minutes	<p>Professor Kevin Moss, x5786, moss@middlebury.edu</p>

<p>(Luso-Hispanic Studies) Spanish</p> <p><i>*Exam available online – follow instructions on last page.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students who have taken Spanish before must take a placement exam in order to determine which level is most appropriate for them. • See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” on the last page. • Students should complete the online placement exam before their arrival on campus. <p>Results will be communicated during orientation week.</p>	<p>Computer-based written exam</p>	<p>50-75 minutes</p>	<p>Professor Enrique Garcia, x5272, egarcia@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Jen Nuceder, x5565, jmnucede@middlebury.edu</p>
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Online Placement Exam Instructions: Chemistry and Biochemistry, French, Latin, Russian, and Spanish

Requirements for Online Placement Exams

- Your Middlebury College ID number and Middlebury email address (ending in @middlebury.edu)
- An Internet connection with web access and a speed of at least 512kbps
- A computer that meets these minimum specifications (tablets and mobile devices are not recommended)

Operating System: Windows 7 and newer, Mac OS X 10.6 and newer, or Linux Chrome OS

Computer Speed and Processor (*use a computer 5 years old or newer when possible*): 1GB of RAM, 2GHz processor

Supported Browsers: Chrome 52 and 53, Firefox 48 and 49 (*Extended Releases are not supported*), or Safari 9 and 10 (*Macintosh only*). Internet Explorer is not recommended for placement exams.

For technical questions on these exams: Please contact the Technology Helpdesk, 802-443-2200 or helpdesk@middlebury.edu

If you have specific questions about the exam you are taking, contact the department chair for that subject area.

Middlebury offers online placement exams beginning **August 1, 2020** through Canvas. **Complete your exam(s) BEFORE you arrive on campus.*** Read these instructions completely before you begin.

Step 1: Activate your Middlebury user account. If you have already activated your account, proceed to Step 2. If you have not activated your account, open your web browser and enter this URL: go.middlebury.edu/activate, then follow the on-screen instructions provided.

Step 2: Login to Canvas. Open your web browser and enter the URL that corresponds to your exam.

Exam Name	URL
Chemistry and Biochemistry	https://middlebury.instructure.com/enroll/FK3JH3
French	https://middlebury.instructure.com/enroll/GGLCRA
Latin	https://middlebury.instructure.com/enroll/CAHR3H
Russian	https://middlebury.instructure.com/enroll/4TBTX8
Spanish	https://middlebury.instructure.com/enroll/6PKHCM

Note: If you are not already logged in, you will be taken to a login screen. When prompted, enter your Middlebury College username (first part of your e-mail address) and password to proceed to the exam.

Step 3: Enroll in the exam. You will arrive at the enrollment screen. It indicates the name of the exam that you will be taking with the heading, *Enroll in _____ Placement Exam*. Click once on the **Enroll in Course** button at the upper right corner of the screen to continue. The screen will change to indicate that you have successfully enrolled, and two buttons, **Go to your Dashboard** and **Go to the Course**, will appear.

Step 4: Complete the exam. Click once on the **Go to the Course** button at the top right. A screen with the exam name and instructions will appear. Read the instructions completely, then click where indicated to begin.

- **Chemistry and Biochemistry.** After you have completed the exam, please go to <http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/chem/resources/placementexam/chem-exam-results>, to interpret your results.
- **French.** There are two parts to the exam: The first asks background information about you and the second is the actual exam. Make sure to complete both sections in order. Once you begin a section, you must complete it; you cannot return to a section of the exam after you have begun. The purpose of this exam is to assist in optimal placement at Middlebury, so do not use a dictionary or other materials to assist you.
- **Latin.** You may use a dictionary. There are two parts to the exam: 1) Latin Studies Background and 2) Latin Placement Exam. The placement exam should take about 45 minutes to complete and involves translating two passages. More instructions will be available online.
- **Russian.** All students who have taken the exam, whether in advance or after arrival, should come to Freeman Seminar Room 1 on Tuesday, September 8 any time between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., for an oral interview.
- **Spanish.** Do not click the "Submit" button until you have completed the entire exam. You must complete the exam in one sitting, or you will get closed out. It should take 30–60 minutes. Results will be posted during orientation week.

Step 5: Log out. After completing the exam, click once on the **Account** icon in the left sidebar. Then click once on the grey **Logout** button that appears in the slide-out menu.