

Placement Examination Information: Spring 2019

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 **January 2, 2019**. Other exams will be offered on **Thursday, February 7 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

You may complete any online placement exams in January 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 Thursday, February 7, 2019.

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><u>Arabic</u> Voter Hall lower level Room 001</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 45-minute written test	<p>Professor Usama Soltan, x5869, usoltan@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>Chemistry and Biochemistry</u> <i>Exam available online – follow instructions on last page</i></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 Professor Jeff Byers (byers@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 Jeff Byers, x5207, byers@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Judy Mayer, x5451, jmayer@middlebury.edu,</p>

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<p><u>Chinese</u> <i>Sunderland 110</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 the orientation week of their first semester at Middlebury. 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>Interview; reading comp. and writing evaluation as necessary</p>	<p>60 minutes</p>	<p>Professor Hang Du, x5257, hdu@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>Computer Science</u> <i>McCardell Bicentennial Hall 638</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 go to McCardell Bicentennial Hall, sixth floor west lounge (outside office 638) on Thursday, February 7, any time between 12 p.m. (noon) and 1 p.m., to meet with CS faculty and determine appropriate placement. 	<p>None; meet with faculty if wishing to enroll in CS beyond the 100-level</p>		<p>Professor Daniel Scharstein, x2438, schar@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>French</u> <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. 	<p>Computer-based written test</p>	<p>50 minutes</p>	<p>Professor William Poulin-Deltour, wpoulin@middlebury.edu, or Department Coordinator Jolene Newton, x5527, jynewton@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>German</u> <i>FIC Cook 2</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. 	<p>Written test</p>	<p>60 minutes</p>	<p>Professor Florence Feiereisen, x5820, ffeierei@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Judy Olinick, x 5532, olinick@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>Italian</u> <i>Voter Hall 114</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students who have studied Italian and wish to place into ITAL 0102 or higher are required to take the placement exam. 	<p>Interview</p>	<p>15 minutes</p>	<p>Professor Ilaria Brancoli Busdraghi, iبرانcol@middlebury.edu</p>

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<p><u>Japanese</u> Freeman Seminar Room 2</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. 	Interview followed by placement exam	60 minutes	Professor Masahiro Takahashi, x3251, mtakahas@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Judy Olinick, x 5532, olinick@middlebury.edu
<p><u>Latin</u> Exam available online – follow instructions on last page</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. 	Computer-based written exam; may use a dictionary	45 minutes	Professor Jane Chaplin, x5111, chaplin@middlebury.edu
<p><u>Mathematics</u> Warner 309</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No placement exam is offered for mathematics; each student will receive an e-mail when they arrive on campus for orientation, 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. 	None; placement indicated in email		Professor Steve Abbott x2256, abbott@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Jen Nuceder, x5565 jmnucede@middlebury.edu
<p><u>Music</u> Mahaney Center for the Arts 306</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. 	Written test	30 minutes	Professor Matthew Taylor, matthewt@middlebury.edu

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<p><u>Physics</u> McCardell Bicentennial Hall 525</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No placement exam is offered for physics. Students wishing to enroll in physics courses at Middlebury should go to McCardell Bicentennial Hall 525 on Thursday, February 7, any time between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., to meet with physics faculty and determine their appropriate placement. 	None; meet with faculty		<p>Professor Anne Goodsell, x5940, pdc@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>Portuguese</u></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 Mario Higa (mhiga@middlebury.edu) to set up a personal interview. 			<p>Professor Mario Higa, x5877 mhiga@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>Psychology</u> McCardell Bicentennial Hall 286 (Psychology Suite)</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 Kimble 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. 	Short test	15–25 minutes	<p>Professor Matt Kimble, kimble@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Diane Burnham, x5838, dburnham@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>Russian</u> <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 come to the Freeman Seminar Room 1 on Thursday, February 7 anytime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. for an oral interview. 	Computer-based written exam and oral interview	45–60 minutes	<p>Professor Timothy Portice, x5198, tportice@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Judy Olinick, x5532, olinick@middlebury.edu</p>
<p><u>Spanish</u> <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. Results will be communicated during orientation week. 	Computer-based written exam	50-75 minutes	<p>Professor Mario Higa, x5877 mhiga@middlebury.edu or Department Coordinator Jen Nuceder, x5565 jmnucede@middlebury.edu</p>

Online Placement Exam Instructions: Chemistry and Biochemistry, French, Latin, Russian, and Spanish

Requirements for Online Placement Exams

- Your Middlebury College ID number, six-digit BannerWeb personal PIN 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 are unable to take your exam before you come to Middlebury:** Go to the assigned Computer Lab on Thursday, February 7 at 11 a.m. Bring your ID number, PIN number, and Middlebury email address. Computers will be provided. You may bring and use your own laptop if you prefer.

Middlebury offers online placement exams beginning **January 2, 2019** 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, email Judy Mayer, chemistry and biochemistry coordinator, who will send you a guideline to interpreting 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 Thursday, February 7, 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.