Placement Examination Information: February 2014

Most incoming students planning to enroll in courses in any of the departments below will need to take that department’s placement exam. Some exams will be offered online beginning January 2; please consult the chart below to determine which may be taken in advance of your arrival. Other exams will be offered on Thursday, February 6, 2014 from 10:30 A.M. -12:30 P.M. Please review the chart below, as well as the “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” page, to determine which exams you will need to take, in what order you should take them, and whom to contact for more information. To view the website of any of Middlebury’s academic departments, go to www.go.middlebury.edu/depts.

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<td>Arabic</td>
<td>Only students with previous language instruction in Arabic who plan to study Arabic at the second year level or above can take the exam. Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit.</td>
<td>Oral and written exam</td>
<td>15-minute interview and 45-minute written test</td>
<td>Usama Soltan, x5989 or <a href="mailto:usoltan@middlebury.edu">usoltan@middlebury.edu</a></td>
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<td>Biology</td>
<td>Students with previous strong background in ecology and evolution with a quantitative perspective as well as a strong laboratory experience (AP or IB courses or other work) are encouraged to take the placement exam for BIOL 0140 Ecology and Evolution. A satisfactory score on the BIOL 0140 placement exam means that students may enroll in courses with BIOL 0140 as a prerequisite, but it does not provide College credit toward graduation or other requirements. It is recommended that students who place out of BIOL 0140 enroll directly in BIOL 0145 as it is also a prerequisite for many upper level biology courses. Students with previous strong background in genetics and cell biology as well as a strong laboratory experience (AP or IB courses or other work) are encouraged to take the placement exam for BIOL 0145 Cell Biology and Genetics. A satisfactory score on the BIOL 0145 placement exam means that students may enroll in courses with BIOL 0145 as a prerequisite, but it does not provide College credit toward graduation or other requirements. It is recommended that students who place out of BIOL 0145 enroll directly in BIOL 0140 as it is also a prerequisite for many upper level biology courses. Students with an AP score of 5, or with IB coursework, do not automatically place out of BIOL 140 or BIOL 145, but are encouraged to take the placement exams for either or both courses. Those students with lower AP scores or limited biology course work should enroll directly in BIOL 0140 or BIOL 0145 and plan on taking both.</td>
<td>Both are written tests; you may bring a calculator for use on the Ecology and Evolution exam</td>
<td>60 min.</td>
<td>Professor Helen Young, x2556 for questions about the Ecology and Evolution exam; Professor Glen Ernstrom, x5736 for questions about the Cell Biology and Genetics exam.</td>
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**Chemistry and Biochemistry**  
*Exam available online*

- If you have already completed the exam online, please email Judy Mayer, Chemistry & Biochemistry Coordinator, to get your results. If you have questions about your results, please contact Professor Jim Larrabee to discuss the best placement for you.
- The placement exam is appropriate for students with a strong background in chemistry, usually consisting of more than one year of high school chemistry, or an “honors” chemistry course.
- Students who took an AP course but did not take the AP exam, or students who earned a grade of 3 on the AP exam, should also take the placement exam.
- Students with an AP score of 4 or 5 do not need to take the placement exam. They automatically receive credit for CHEM 0103 and should enroll in CHEM 0107 in the fall (preferred) or CHEM 0104 in the spring.
- Students awarded IB or British A-levels credit do not need to take the placement exam. They place out of the introductory sequence and should enroll in CHEM 0241.
- Students with an average non-AP or non-honors one-year course in high school chemistry do not need to take a placement exam; they should enroll in CHEM 0103.
- See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” at the bottom of this chart for directions.

| Computer-based written test; may use a calculator | 60-90 min. | Department Coordinator Judy Mayer, x5451, or Professor Jim Larrabee, x5453 |

**Chinese**

- No placement exam in Chinese is offered in February.

**French**  
*Exam available online*

- Students with an AP score of 5, an SAT score of 750 or higher, or a higher-level IB in French with a grade of 6 or 7 need not take the online placement test, but should consult the Chair or French faculty at Academic Forum for information concerning their course options and advice on registering. *All other* students interested in studying French (except those who have never taken French before and plan on enrolling in either FREN 0101 in the fall or FREN 105 in the spring) must take a placement exam before their arrival on campus.
- See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” at the bottom of this chart for instructions.
- Exam results will be available at Academic Forum prior to registration. Please speak with the chair if you have questions about course placement.

| Computer-based written test | 40-60 min. | Professor Paula Schwartz, x5802, schwartz@middlebury.edu, or Dept. Coordinator Jolene Newton, x5527, jynewton@middlebury.edu |

**German**  
*Freeman Seminar Rm. 2*

- Students with a background in German are invited to take the test.
- Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit.

| Written test | 60 min. | Professor Bettina Matthias, x3248 |

**Italian**  
*Voter 115 (Prof. Mula’s office)*

- Students who have studied some Italian and wish to place into ITAL 103 or higher.
- Students with a significant background in another Romance language may begin learning Italian in the Spring by enrolling in ITAL 123 (no placement exam necessary for enrollment in ITAL 123).

| Interview | 15-20 min. | Professor Stefano Mula, x5530 |
| **Japanese**  
Japanese Dept.  
Office, Freeman Int’l Center (grnd floor, room 01D) | • 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 min. | Professor Masahiro Takahashi, x3251, or Department Coordinator Judy Olinick, x5532 |
| **Latin**  
Exam available online | • Any students interested in continuing their study of Latin should take this test.  
• See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” at the bottom of this chart for directions. | Computer-based written exam; may use a dictionary | 45 min. | Professor Jane Chaplin, chaplin@middlebury.edu |
| **Mathematics**  
Warner 315 | • No placement exam is offered for mathematics. Students wishing to enroll in math courses at Middlebury should go to Warner Hall 309 on Thursday, February 6, any time between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., to meet with mathematics faculty and determine their appropriate placement.  
• 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. **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.** 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; students who have earned 4 or 5 on the Calculus BC exam may not register for MATH 0121 or MATH 0122; and students who have earned 4 or 5 on the Statistics exam may not register for MATH 0116. 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. | Written test | 60 minutes | Professor Frank Swenton, x3421 or fswenton@middlebury.edu |
| **Music**  
Mahaney Center for the Arts 125 | • All students who wish to place out of Music 160, 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 160 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 160 and placement into any courses that have MUSC 160 as a prerequisite. | Written test | 60 minutes | Professor Greg Vitercik, x5071 |
| **Physics**  
McCordell Bicentennial Hall 525 | • No placement exam is offered for physics. Students wishing to enroll in physics courses at Middlebury should go to McCordell Bicentennial Hall 525 on Thursday, February 6, any time between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., to meet with physics faculty and determine their appropriate placement. | | | Professor Noah Graham, x3423 or ngraham@middlebury.edu |
| **Portuguese** | • Students wishing to take Beginning Portuguese for Advanced Spanish Speakers need to take the Spanish placement exam and place into the 300-level. See instructions below.  
• Students wishing to study Portuguese at a higher level must contact Professor Fernando Rocha. | | | Professor Fernando Rocha, frocha@middlebury.edu |
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<td>Psychology</td>
<td>McCardell Bicentennial Hall 282</td>
<td>Students with an AP score of 4 or 5 in psychology do not need to take the exam. They automatically receive one course credit for PSYC 0105 (Introductory Psychology). Students with lower AP scores or who have done previous psychology course work may choose to take the exam. A passing score on the exam means that students can enroll in courses that have a PSYC 0105 prerequisite, but it does not provide credit toward graduation or other College requirements.</td>
<td>Short written test</td>
<td>15-25 min.</td>
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<td>Russian</td>
<td>Exam available online</td>
<td>Only students intending to study Russian should take this exam. See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” at the bottom of this chart for directions. Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit. Placement determination process is very informal. All students who have completed the exam should come to Freeman Seminar Room 1 on Thursday, February 6, any time between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., for an oral interview.</td>
<td>Computer-based written exam and informal interview</td>
<td>45-60 min. total</td>
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<td>Spanish</td>
<td>Exam available online</td>
<td>All students interested in studying Spanish must take a placement exam (except those who have never taken Spanish before and plan to enroll in SPAN 101 in the fall). See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” at the bottom of this chart for directions. Students should complete the online placement exam prior to their arrival on campus. Results will be posted on Thursday, February 6, by 2:00 p.m. on the outside doors of Warner Hall.</td>
<td>Computer-based written exam</td>
<td>30-60 min.</td>
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*All telephone extensions listed above are preceded by the College’s general number: 802-443-(4-digit extension).*
Instructions for Online Placement Exams for the Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry, French, Latin, Russian, and Spanish

NOTE: These online placement exams will not be available for you to complete until Thursday, January 2, 2014. Take your exam(s) BEFORE you arrive on campus. If, for technical or other reasons, you are unable to take your exam before you come to Middlebury, go to Sunderland 202 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 6. Bring this information with you.

You will need the following:
1. An internet connection with access to the Web
2. Your Middlebury College ID
3. A recent version of a web browser such as Internet Explorer, Netscape, Mozilla or Safari

Before you can take online placement exams you must activate your Middlebury user account. If you have not already done so, please go to www.go.middlebury.edu/activate. Once you have activated your Middlebury user account:
1. Open a web browser and go to: http://moodle.middlebury.edu/
2. Click on the link to the placement exam you are required to take (see right sidebar).
3. When prompted, log in with your Midd username (1st part of your email address) and password.

Special Notes:
Chemistry & Biochemistry
After you have completed the exam, email Judy Mayer, Chemistry & 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
There are two parts to this 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 6, any time between 10:30 and 12:30, for an oral interview.

Spanish
Students should complete the online placement exam prior to their arrival on campus. 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. 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 minutes to an hour. Results will be posted during Orientation week.

For technical questions on any of these exams: please contact our Technology Helpdesk at (802) 443-2200 or helpdesk@middlebury.edu.