## Placement Examination Information: Fall 2013

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 on-line beginning August 1; please consult the chart below to determine which may be taken in advance of your arrival. Other exams will be offered on Tuesday, September 3 from 11:30am-1:30pm. Please review the chart below, as well as the “Instructions for On-line 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 [go.middlebury.edu/depts](http://go.middlebury.edu/depts).

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| **Arabic**                   | • 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. | Oral and written exam | 15-minute interview and 45-minute written test | Usama Soltan, x5869 or usoltan@middlebury.edu |
| **Biology**                  | • 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 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 an AP score of 5, or with IB coursework, do not automatically place out of BIOL 0140 or BIOL 0145, 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 0145 or BIOL 0140 and plan on taking both. | Both are written tests that students will complete online.  
Students may bring their own laptop if they have one; computers will be available if not. You may bring a calculator to use on the Ecology and Evolution exam. | 60 min. | Professor Grace Spatafora, x5431 or spatafor@middlebury.edu for questions about the Cell Biology and Genetics exam; Professor Dave Allen, x5218 dallen@middlebury.edu for questions about the Ecology and Evolution exam |
| **Chemistry and Biochemistry**  
*Exam available online* | 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 On-Line Placement Exams” at the bottom of this chart for directions. | Computer-based written test; may use a calculator | 60-90 min. | Professor Sunhee Choi, x5716, or Dept. Coordinator Judy Mayer, x5451 |
| Chinese  
*Sunderland 110 and 123; Carr 005* | All students who are not native Chinese speakers and who have had Chinese language background (at home, in the classroom, or abroad) and who wish to continue taking Chinese at any level are required to take the placement exam.  
Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit. | Interview; reading comp. and writing evaluation as necessary | 60 min. | Professor Katherine Wang, x3402, or Dept. Coordinator Nicole Patterson, x5784 |
| 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 instead should come to Château 110 at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3 for information concerning their course options and advice on registering. If you are not able to attend this session, please contact the chair of the French Department.  
All other students interested in studying French must take a placement exam (except those who have never taken French before and plan on enrolling in FREN 0101 in the fall).  
See “Instructions for On-Line Placement Exams” at the bottom of this chart for directions.  
Exam results will be available on Tuesday, September 3 at 2 p.m. in Château 112 and during the Academic Forum. Please speak with the chair if you have questions about course placement. | Computer-based written test | 40-60 min.  
75 min. max. | Professor Paula Schwartz, x5802 or schwartz@middlebury.edu, or Dept. Coordinator Aimee Diehl, x5527 or adiehl@middlebury.edu |
| German  
*Munroe 222* | All students who have had German language background (at home, in the classroom, or abroad) and who wish to continue taking German at any level are welcome to take the placement exam.  
Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit. | Written test | 60 min. | Professor Bettina Matthias, x3248 |
| Italian  
*Voter 115 (Prof. Mula’s office)* | All students who have studied Italian and wish to place into IT 102 or higher are required to take the placement exam. | Interview | 15 min. | Professor Stefano Mula smula@middlebury.edu |
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<td>Japanese</td>
<td>Freeman Seminar Room 2</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Interview followed by placement exam</td>
<td>60 min.</td>
<td>Professor Masahiro Takahashi, x3251, or Department Coordinator Judy Olinick, x5532</td>
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<td>Latin</td>
<td>Exam available online</td>
<td>Any students interested in continuing their study of Latin should take this test. See “Instructions for On-line Placement Exams” at the bottom of this chart for directions.</td>
<td>Computer-based written exam; may use a dictionary</td>
<td>45 min.</td>
<td>Professor Randy Ganiban, <a href="mailto:ganiban@middlebury.edu">ganiban@middlebury.edu</a></td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>Warner 309</td>
<td>No placement exam is offered for mathematics. Students wishing to enroll in math courses at Middlebury should go to Warner Hall 309 any time between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to meet with mathematics faculty and determine their appropriate placement.</td>
<td>Written test</td>
<td>60 minutes</td>
<td>Department Coordinator Deborah Young x5221</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Mahaney Center for the Arts 125</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Written test</td>
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<td>Department Coordinator Deborah Young x5221</td>
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<td>Portuguese</td>
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<td>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 Mario Higa (<a href="mailto:mhiga@middlebury.edu">mhiga@middlebury.edu</a>) to set up a personal interview.</td>
<td>Written test</td>
<td>60 minutes</td>
<td>Professor Fernando Rocha, <a href="mailto:frocha@middlebury.edu">frocha@middlebury.edu</a></td>
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<td>Psychology</td>
<td>McCardell Bicentennial Hall 286 (Psych. Suite)</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 test</td>
<td>15-25 min.</td>
<td>Professor Marcia Collaer, <a href="mailto:collaer@middlebury.edu">collaer@middlebury.edu</a></td>
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<td>Russian</td>
<td>Freeman Seminar Room 1</td>
<td>All students who have had Russian language background (at home, in the classroom, or abroad) and who wish to continue taking Russian at any level are welcome to take the placement exam. Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit. Placement determination process is very informal.</td>
<td>Written test and informal interview</td>
<td>45-60 min. total</td>
<td>Department Coordinator Judy Olinick, x5532</td>
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<td>Spanish</td>
<td>Exam available online</td>
<td>All students interested in studying Spanish at any point in their career at Middlebury 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 On-line Placement Exams” at the bottom of this chart for directions. Results will be posted on Tuesday, September 3, by 4:00 p.m. on the outside doors of Warner Hall.</td>
<td>Computer-based written exam</td>
<td>30-60 min.</td>
<td>Department Coordinator Naomi Neff <a href="mailto:nneff@middlebury.edu">nneff@middlebury.edu</a></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 On-line Placement Exams for the Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry, French, Latin, and Spanish

NOTE: These on-line placement exams will not be available for you to complete until August 1, 2013. 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 11:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. 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 on-line placement exams you must activate your Middlebury user account. If you have not already done so, please go to 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, choose “Middlebury College Users” and login with your Midd username (1st part of your email address) and password

Special Notes:
Chemistry and 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.

Spanish
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.