Placement Examination Information: Fall 2015

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 August 1. Please consult the chart below to determine which may be taken in advance of your arrival. Other exams will be offered on Wednesday, September 9, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 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 go.middlebury.edu/depts.

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| Arabic                      | • All students who studied Arabic and wish to place into Arabic 102 or higher are required to take a placement exam.  
• Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit. | Oral and written exam | 15-min. interview and 45-min. written test | Professor Usama Soltan, x5869, usoltan@middlebury.edu |
| Biology                     | • 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 coursework should enroll directly in BIOL 0140 or BIOL 0145 and plan on taking both. | Both exams are computer-based. Some computers will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own laptop if you have one.  
You may bring a calculator for use on the Ecology and Evolution exam. | 60 min. | Professor David Allen, x5218 for questions about the Ecology and Evolution exam;  
Professor Jeremy Ward, x3499 for questions about the Cell Biology and Genetics exam |
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<th>Exam available online</th>
<th>• If you have already completed the exam online, please email Judy Mayer, Chemistry &amp; 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.</th>
<th>Computer-based written test; may use a calculator</th>
<th>60-90 min.</th>
<th>Department Coordinator Judy Mayer, x5451, <a href="mailto:jmayer@middlebury.edu">jmayer@middlebury.edu</a>, or Professor Jim Larrabee, x5453</th>
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<td>Chinese</td>
<td>Sunderland 110</td>
<td>• 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 other than CHNS 0101 are required to take the placement exam.</td>
<td>Interview; reading comp. and writing evaluation as necessary</td>
<td>60 min.</td>
<td>Professor Katherine Wang, x3402, <a href="mailto:ywang@middlebury.edu">ywang@middlebury.edu</a>, or Professor Thomas Moran, x5870, <a href="mailto:moran@middlebury.edu">moran@middlebury.edu</a></td>
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<td>Computer Science</td>
<td>McCardell Bicentennial Hall 638</td>
<td>• 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, 6th floor west lounge (outside office 638) on Wednesday, September 9, any time between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., to meet with CS faculty and determine their appropriate placement.</td>
<td>Computer-based written test</td>
<td>40-60 min.</td>
<td>Professor Daniel Scharstein, x2438, <a href="mailto:schar@middlebury.edu">schar@middlebury.edu</a></td>
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<td>French</td>
<td>Exam available online</td>
<td>• Students interested in beginning French at Middlebury (FREN 0101) should consult with French faculty during orientation week 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” at the bottom of this chart. • Exam results will be available at Academic Forum prior to registration. Faculty will be available to advise students of their placement.</td>
<td>Computer-based written test</td>
<td>40-60 min.</td>
<td>Professor Paula Schwartz, x5802, <a href="mailto:schwartz@middlebury.edu">schwartz@middlebury.edu</a>, or Department Coordinator Jolene Newton, x5527, <a href="mailto:jnewton@middlebury.edu">jnewton@middlebury.edu</a></td>
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<td>German</td>
<td>Munroe 222</td>
<td>• Students with a background in German are invited to take the test. • Placement exam results alone cannot earn College credit.</td>
<td>Written test</td>
<td>60 min.</td>
<td>Professor Roman Graf, x5213, <a href="mailto:graf@middlebury.edu">graf@middlebury.edu</a></td>
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| **Italian** | Voter 111  
(Prof. Van Order’s office) | • All students who have studied Italian and wish to place into ITAL 0102 or higher are required to take the placement exam. | Interview | 15 min. | Professor Thomas Van Order, vanorder@middlebury.edu |
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| **Japanese**  
*Freeman Seminar  
Room 2* | • 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. | Computer-based written exam; may use a dictionary | 45 min. | Professor Jane Chaplin, x5111, chaplin@middlebury.edu |
| **Mathematics**  
*Warner 309* | • No placement exam is offered for mathematics; each student will receive an e-mail describing his or her initial math placement and course options, based upon review of high school transcripts—*students will only be able to register for the courses into which they were placed in this e-mail*. Should any concerns arise regarding math placement, or if no placement has been determined, students are invited to discuss this with the Math Department, 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. *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. | | | Professor Frank Swenton, x3421, fswenton@middlebury.edu |
| **Music**  
*Mahaney Center for the Arts 125* | • 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 | 60 min. | Professor Peter Hamlin, phamlin@middlebury.edu |
| **Physics**  
| *McCardell Bicentennial Hall 525* | • No placement exam is offered for physics. Students wishing to enroll in physics courses at Middlebury should go to McCardell Bicentennial Hall 525 on Wednesday, September 9, any time between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., to meet with physics faculty and determine their appropriate placement. | Professor  
| | | Noah Graham, x3423, ngraham@middlebury.edu |
| **Portuguese** | • 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 (except for PGSE 0101) must contact Professor Fernando Rocha (frocha@middlebury.edu) to set up a personal interview. | Professor  
| | | Fernando Rocha, frocha@middlebury.edu |
| **Psychology**  
| *McCardell Bicentennial Hall 286 (Psych. Suite)* | • Students with an AP score of 4 or 5 in psychology, or a score of 6 or 7 on the International Baccalaureate (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 Prof. McCauley 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 graduation or other College requirements. **Short test**  
| | | 15-25 min.  
| | | Professor  
| | | Michelle McCauley, mccauley@middlebury.edu |
| **Russian**  
| *Exam available online* | • Only students intending to study Russian should take this exam.  
• See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” at the bottom of this chart.  
• 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 Wednesday, September 9, any time between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., for an oral interview. **Computer-based written exam and informal interview**  
| | | 45-60 min. total  
| | | Department Coordinator  
| | | Judy Olinick, x5532 |
| **Spanish**  
| *Exam available online* | • 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 0101 in the fall).  
• See “Instructions for Online Placement Exams” at the bottom of this chart.  
• Students should complete the online placement exam prior to their arrival on campus. Results will be posted on Wednesday, September 9 by 3 p.m. on the outside doors of Warner Hall. **Computer-based written exam**  
| | | 30-60 min.  
| | | Department Coordinator  
| | | Naomi Neff, nneff@middlebury.edu |

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 August 1, 2015. 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 on Wednesday, September 9, 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 online placement exams you must activate your Middlebury user account. If you have not already done so, 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.

Russian
All students who have taken the exam, whether in advance or after arrival, should come to Freeman Seminar Room 1 on Wednesday, September 9, any time between 11:30 and 1:30, for an oral interview.

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 30-60 minutes. 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.