

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ... ABOUT LANGUAGE TESTING AT UMW

1. When will I be able to take the online UMW language placement test?

The online UMW language placement test is available to incoming UMW students only during the summer before fall registration and again before the spring semester begins.

2. What happens if I received a placement of 202 or higher?

Students who receive a placement of 202 or higher may register in 202 or a 300-level course. Those students who wish to prove proficiency in the language and want to be exempt from the language requirements will be invited to take the UMW language test (with a letter from Leonard Koos, Department Chair, Modern Foreign Languages giving details).

3. I have taken the AP French, German, or Spanish exam. Do I still need to take a UMW language placement test?

No, but we recommend that you do so. The score you achieve on the AP exam will indicate your level in French, German, or Spanish. A score of 4 also demonstrates intermediate-level competency, and you will therefore have fulfilled the language requirement at UMW. However, AP exam scores are not available until July.

4. What if I take both the AP exam and the second-stage UMW test, but my score on only one of these tests demonstrates intermediate-level competency. Have I fulfilled the language requirement at UMW?

Yes. Whether you take the SAT II test, AP exam, or the second-stage UMW test, you only need to achieve a high score on one of them to demonstrate intermediate-level competency and therefore fulfill the language requirement at UMW.

But please remember that UMW language placement test scores are used only for placement and demonstration of language competency; no college credit is awarded for a score achieved on a UMW language placement test.

4. Besides the placement test results, how else can I meet the “intermediate competency” language requirement at UMW?

Intermediate competency in a second language may be demonstrated by: (1) completion of 202 or higher in a language; (2) a score of 620 or higher on any language SAT II subject test; (3) a score of 4 or higher on any language AP Exam or on any Language and Literature AP Exam (including the Latin Vergil AP Exam); (4) a score of 5 or higher on any group 2 (second language) higher-level IB Exam; (5) a passing score on the University of Mary Washington language competency exam; or (6) submitting pertinent documents which verify that a student has had a high school education conducted in a language other than English or has lived extensively in and become fluent in the language of a non-English-speaking country.

6. Students seeking exemption for a language not taught at UMW:

Exemption tests are available through New York University School of Continuing and Professional Studies. For information test fees and availability, please call NYU directly (212) 998-7030 or visit:

<http://www.scps.nyu.edu/areas-of-study/foreign-languages/continuing-education/proficiency.html#>

Students are responsible for the payment of all required test fees. When contacting the SCPS at NYU, students need to select the appropriate language and indicate that scores should be sent to the Office of the Registrar at UMW.

NOTE: All students should take the 16-point exam. **Exemptions will be granted to students scoring 12 points or higher.**

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