



Connections Curriculum – WORLD LANGUAGES

1) Take a world language early

It is recommended that students begin their world language study early while their skills are fresh. Language study is one of the options for fulfilling the general education Global Diversity requirement (LO5): Students will complete 8 credits of coursework to meet this learning outcome with at least 4 credits of coursework with a focus on non-Western culture(s) and/or taught in a second language at the 112 level or above. Students who wish to continue their language study or who are considering study abroad will also benefit from an early start.

2) Who needs to take a placement exam?

All incoming students received a notice to complete a language placement exam when they were issued an e-mail account at Wittenberg. New students were instructed to access Moodle and take a world language placement exam in the language they studied in high school or elsewhere. Chinese, German, and Spanish placement exams are completed online and submitted electronically. Students who have never studied Chinese, German, or Spanish, must confirm this by going to the placement exam website and selecting the link for "Placement exam for students who have never studied Chinese, German, or Spanish." Please note that, while students must test in the language studied in high school, they are not required to continue with that language study and are free to begin a new language. Students who wish to begin a new language will enroll at the 111 level.

3) Who does not need to take a placement exam?

All students need to take a placement exam. Students who have never studied Chinese, German, or Spanish, must confirm this by going to the placement exam website and selecting the link for "Placement exam for students who have never studied Chinese, German, or Spanish."

4) If I score well on the placement exam, do I earn any class credit?

The purpose of the language placement exam is to determine which level of world language study is best suited to a particular student's skill level. Placement exams are not designed to give class credit or "test out" of a requirement.

5) Where do I take the placement exam?

Students may type the following in their web browser to take the appropriate placement exam:
placement.wittenberg.edu

6) How long does it take to receive my placement after taking the exam?

Placement exams are scored manually and may take 2 or 3 days depending on the time of year. Once the exam is scored, students can see their placement under “Test Scores” in Self Service.

6) Does placement guarantee a class?

Placement exams do not guarantee students a space in a given class; students are welcome to consider course offerings in different languages if it helps with their scheduling.