



# PLACEMENT & ASSESSMENT 2015



# PLACEMENT AND TESTING HIGHLIGHTS

As a student enrolling at The College of New Jersey, you may be required to take some placement tests or meet departmental assessments to ensure appropriate course placement in first year courses that will match your knowledge and skills. Please familiarize yourself thoroughly with the information on placement test and assessment requirements in this booklet.

The Language Placement Test in French, German, Italian, Spanish and Latin should be taken from your home computer or other remote computer locale beginning December 8, 2014, through January 9, 2015.  
[Language Placement Test](#)

## **PLACEMENT TESTS ADMINISTERED ON CAMPUS WILL OCCUR ON:**

**American Sign Language**  
Tuesday, January 13, 2015  
10 am to 2 pm – Education Bldg. 312-D  
RSVP Date: January 5, 2015  
Dr. Slobodzian at [slobodzi@tcnj.edu](mailto:slobodzi@tcnj.edu)

**Writing Exemption and Placement Exam**  
Tuesday, January 13, 2015  
Business Bldg. 205, 11am, 1pm  
Preregister: <http://writing.pages.tcnj.edu/>

# LANGUAGE TESTING AND PLACEMENT

The World Languages and Cultures Department at TCNJ offers courses in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. The Classical Studies Program offers courses in Latin and Greek.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Who needs to take a placement exam?

All students who have selected a major that has a language requirement **MUST** take the placement exam prior to registering for a language they have previously studied. [Students who have taken the AP exam in a language](#) are encouraged to wait until receiving the results before taking the TCNJ placement test.

Freshmen: Students who wish to study a language they started in high school **MUST** take a placement test unless they qualify for an exemption (see point 2). Students who wish to start study of a new language do not have to take a placement test.

Transfer Students: Transfer students who have completed one or two semesters of a language at another college or university, and who plan to continue studying that language at TCNJ **MUST** take the placement test in that language. Transfer students who have an Associates Degree – AA or AS – are waived from the language requirement with the exception of Spanish majors.

### 2. Who is exempt from the placement exam?

- Students who received a 650 or higher on the College Board Subject Test
- Students who received a 4 or higher on the AP exam. (Students who have taken the AP Exam in a language are encouraged to wait until receiving the results before taking the TCNJ placement test.)

- Students who have completed the International Baccalaureate and received a score of 5.

- \* Students who are exempt from the language requirement may continue with their study of the language at the 200-level, and apply any courses toward an academic minor in that language.

- \*\* Students who speak one of the eight languages offered in TCNJ because they grew up in a home where their parents, grandparents or other relatives spoke in that language to them **MUST** contact the chair of World Languages and Cultures **BEFORE** taking the placement test.

### 3. What if I completed 4 or more years of language study (or its equivalent) in high school in French, German, Italian or Spanish?

Students who have completed 4 or more years of study (or its equivalent) in high school in French, German, Italian or Spanish will **NOT** receive credit for 101 in that language regardless of placement.

### 4. Are there language exams for every language?

Web-based placement exams are offered in French, German, Italian, Latin and Spanish. To find out how to take the placement exam, see Question 5.

Students who wish to study Arabic, Chinese, Japanese or Russian must contact the World Languages and Cultures Department at (609) 771-2235 to determine an appropriate placement in that language.

### 5. What do I need to do to take the placement exam?

Students may take the placement exam on line between December 8, 2014, and January 9, 2015. The on-line address is

[Language Placement Test](#)

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## 6. How long will the placement exam take?

Students are allowed 40 minutes (and no more) to take the placement exam. The exam will automatically shut down after the allotted time.

## 7. How long do I have to wait to get my score?

Test scores will be available immediately after completing the exam. Make sure to write down or print the score and register only for the appropriate course. Please be aware that it may take a few days for the score to appear in the Test Credit Report on PAWS. Your test score will be utilized by you and your Advisor for appropriate course placement.

## 8. What happens if I place out of the elementary language sequence?

Students who receive the maximum score on the placement exam and place out of the elementary sequence (101, 102, or 103) are required to make an appointment with the Chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures and may be invited to retake the test again on paper.

Students who place out of the elementary sequence may choose to continue with more advanced courses in that language. They should discuss their options with the department chair..

## 9. What if I still have questions?

For Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish, contact the World Languages and Cultures Department at (609) 771-2235 or [wlc@tcnj.edu](mailto:wlc@tcnj.edu)

For Greek and Latin, contact Dr. Holly Haynes, Co-Coordinator of Classical Studies  
Email: [haynes@tcnj.edu](mailto:haynes@tcnj.edu) Phone: (609) 771-2349

Dr. Luis Gabriel Stheeman, Chair of World Languages and Cultures and Dr. Holly Haynes, Co-Coordinator of Classical Studies

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

All students majoring in Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHHA) or those planning to pursue the Deaf Studies minor (SPPM) or those who wish to meet the college requirement for language credit by taking the ASL course sequence will be required to sign up for the test if they have previously taken sign language classes or if they have heritage signing skills. Students are advised that those unfamiliar with ASL will be placed in ASL 101: American Sign Language One. Entry into higher level ASL classes is dependent on the placement test score. Students may not register for ASL 102 or higher without having taken the placement test.

Students who have been assessed on the Sign Language Communication Instrument (SLCI, formerly known as the SCPI) do not need to take the ASL Placement Test or ASL classes if a proficiency of Intermediate or higher was earned. Students must give the Department of Special Education, Language and Literacy an official copy of the SLCI score.

*Appointments for the American Sign Language placement test should be made by January 5, 2015. Testing will be on campus on January 13, 2015. Please contact Dr. Jean Slobodzian at [slobodzi@tcnj.edu](mailto:slobodzi@tcnj.edu) to make an appointment. For more information, contact the Special Education, Language, and Literacy Department at (609) 771-2308 or access the website: [deafed@tcnj.edu](mailto:deafed@tcnj.edu).*

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*Dr. Jean Slobodzian, Associate Professor  
Special Education, Language and Literacy*



# CALCULUS READINESS PLACEMENT

*Please Note: TCNJ has no mandatory mathematics requirement or placement test. If you do not need to take a mathematics course, please ignore this information. Students only need to take the placement test if they want to place out of a math course and they do not meet the criteria outlined in the sections below.*

## CALCULUS PLACEMENT

Many majors require Calculus (either MAT 127: Calculus A or MAT 125: Calculus for Business and the Social Science). The College of New Jersey is deeply interested in student success in mathematics, and college level Calculus is a more rigorous course than the Calculus courses taught at most high schools. The Mathematics and Statistics department has determined that the SAT and ACT mathematics score are important indicators for success in college level Calculus. You must meet specified entrance requirements, based on these scores and the high school math courses you have taken, before enrolling in a Calculus course. If you do not meet these requirements, you may be required to take a lower level course. Even if you have already taken calculus in high school, you may be placed into precalculus due to your math scores in order to ensure success when you take our calculus courses.

Transfer students who receive transfer credit equivalency for Calculus will have met the requirements for Calculus (MAT 125 or 127). Students should check their academic requirements report to ensure they have received proper credit.

Complete placement information can be found at <http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/>.

**1.** Students with at least a 650 math SAT score or a 29 ACT math score. Students can enroll themselves directly in Calculus.

**2.** Students with a math SAT score in the 600-640 range or a math ACT score of 27 or 28.

Students will be initially placed in MAT 096: Precalculus but they may enroll in MAT 127: Calculus A or MAT 125. Students cannot enroll themselves directly in Calculus but can request to be enrolled in Calculus by their chair or the Mathematics and Statistics department. Students asking to be enrolled into Calculus A should have confidence in their mathematics training. The department also strongly recommends that these students complete one of the following before Calculus A to ensure success:

**A.** Take the ALEKS precalculus online course described on the Mathematics and Statistics Department's calculus placement webpage (<http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/>).

**OR**

**B.** Pass a precalculus course (either at TCNJ or another institution of higher education).

**3.** Students with a math SAT score in the 550- 590 range or a math ACT score in the 24 – 26.

Students will be placed into MAT 096: Precalculus. In order to enroll in Calculus, students must:

**A.** Pass a precalculus course (either at TCNJ or another higher education institution).

**OR**

**B.** Demonstrate mastery of precalculus by (a) taking the online precalculus course described on the Mathematics and Statistics Department's calculus placement webpage; and (b) passing the calculus placement exam that the department administers. The on-campus placement exam will be offered prior to the start of classes. Students must register in advance for the placement exam and pay the fee the day of the test. Specific registration and date information can be found on the department website. Students will have the opportunity to adjust their schedules accordingly during the first week of classes (add/drop period) based upon their placement scores. More information can be found on the department's website.

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4. Students with a math SAT score lower than 550 or a math ACT score lower than 24.

Students will be placed into MAT 095: Intermediate Algebra. In order to enroll in precalculus, students must:

**A.** Pass an Intermediate Algebra course (either at TCNJ or another higher education institution).

OR

**B.** Demonstrate mastery of Intermediate Algebra by (a) taking the online intermediate algebra course described on the department's webpage; and (b) passing the precalculus placement exam that the department administers. The on-campus placement exam will be offered prior to the start of classes. Students must register in advance for the placement exam and pay the fee the day of the test. Specific registration and date information can be found on the department website.

Students who would like to enroll in Calculus A should complete both Intermediate Algebra and Precalculus prior to the start of the semester by following the steps above and in Section 3. If a student takes both of the online courses described on the departmental webpage, students will need to pass both of the placement tests. Both tests can be taken the same day.

5. Students with AP Calculus Exam Credit or IB Mathematics Credit

Depending on their score, students may receive credit for one or two semesters of calculus. A student's own perception of strength in mathematics is an important factor when advising students about math placement. For example, students who receive AP or IB credit(s) for calculus sometimes choose to forgo the credit and retake the class(es) at TCNJ because of the faster pace and increased rigor of TCNJ courses. Others choose to accept the AP or IB credit and do very

well. This is a personal decision that can be discussed with an academic advisor. Students who earn AP or IB credit will automatically be awarded credit for the first calculus course (students can choose MAT 127: Calculus A or MAT 125: Calculus for Business and the Social Sciences). Students with credit for MAT 127 will be eligible to enroll in MAT 128, or move on to an appropriate level in the mathematics sequence. Students with credit for MAT 125 can enroll in MAT 128 with permission of the chair of the Mathematics and Statistics department. Students will receive notification from the Office of Records and Registration as to whether they wish to decline the AP credit and retake MAT 127 or MAT 125.

All questions related to calculus placement should be directed to the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at [mathstat@tcnj.edu](mailto:mathstat@tcnj.edu). You can also visit the department's webpage at <http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/>.

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*Dr. Thomas Hagedorn, Chair*

*Dr. Cathy Liebars, Associate Chair*

*Department of Mathematics and Statistics*

# DOES YOUR MAJOR HAVE A CALCULUS AND/OR LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT?

CALCULUS	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR
<b>SCHOOL OF EDUCATION</b>		
		DEAF & HARD OF HEARING WITH:
	Y	Art
Y	Y	Biology
	Y	English
	Y	History
Y	Y	Math
Y	Y	iSTEM
	Y	Music
	Y	Psychology
	Y	Sociology
	Y	Spanish
		<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION WITH: OR</b>
		<b>ELEMENTARY EDUCATION WITH: OR</b>
		<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION WITH:</b>
		Art
Y		Biology
		English
		History
Y		Math
Y		iSTEM
		Music
		Psychology
		Sociology
	Y	Spanish
		Women's and Gender Studies
		<b>URBAN EDUCATION/EARLY CHILDHOOD OR</b>
		<b>URBAN EDUCATION/ELEMENTARY EDUCATION</b>
		<b>WITH:</b>
	Y	Art
Y	Y	Biology
	Y	English
	Y	History
Y	Y	Math
Y	Y	iSTEM
	Y	Music
	Y	Psychology
	Y	Sociology
	Y	Spanish
	Y	Women's and Gender Studies
<b>SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING</b>		
Y		Bio-Medical Engineering
Y		Bio-Medical Engineering- 7 year Medical
Y		Civil Engineering
Y		Computer Engineering
Y		Electrical Engineering
Y		Mechanical Engineering
Y		Engineering Science – Engineering Management
Y		Engineering Science-Bio-Medical
Y		Engineering Science-7 year Medical
Y		Technology Education
<b>SCHOOL OF SCIENCE</b>		
Y	Y	Computer Science
		<b>BIOLOGY</b>
Y	Y	Biology
Y	Y	Biology Teaching
Y	Y	Biology – 7 Year Pre Med
Y	Y	Biology/SUNY Optometry
		<b>CHEMISTRY</b>
Y	Y	Chemistry
Y	Y	Chemistry Teaching
Y	Y	Chemistry with Forensic Specialization
<b>MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS</b>		
Y	Y	Mathematics
Y	Y	Mathematics - Statistics
Y	Y	Mathematics Teaching
Y	Y	Mathematics Teaching-7 year Medical
<b>PHYSICS</b>		
Y	Y	Physics
Y	Y	Physics Bio-Medical
Y	Y	Physics Teaching

CALCULUS	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR
<b>SCHOOL OF NURSING, HEALTH AND EXERCISE SCIENCE</b>		
		Health and Exercise Science
		Health and Exercise Science Teaching
		Nursing
		Nursing RN
<b>SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION</b>		
		<b>ART</b>
	Y	Art History
		Art Teaching
		Visual Arts
		<b>MEDIA</b>
	Y	Communication Studies
	Y	Interactive Multimedia
		<b>MUSIC</b>
	Y	Music
	Y	Music Performance
		Music Teaching
<b>SCHOOL OF BUSINESS</b>		
Y		Accountancy
Y		Interdisciplinary Business
Y		Finance
Y		Marketing
Y		Management
		<b>ECONOMICS</b>
Y	Y	Economics-Bachelor of Arts
Y		Economics-Bachelor of Science
Y	Y	Economics – 7 year Medical
Y	Y	Economics Teaching – Bachelor of Arts
<b>SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>		
	Y	Criminology
	Y	International Studies
	Y	Philosophy
Y	Y	Philosophy- 7 year Medical
	Y	Political Science
	Y	Psychology
	Y	Sociology
	Y	Spanish
	Y	Spanish Teaching
	Y	Women's and Gender Studies
		<b>ENGLISH</b>
	Y	English
	Y	English Teaching
Y	Y	English- 7 year Medical
	Y	Professional Writing/Journalism
		<b>HISTORY</b>
	Y	History
	Y	History Teaching
Y	Y	History- 7 year Medical
<b>OPEN OPTIONS</b>		
	*	Open Option/Arts and Communication
Y	*	Open Option/Business
Y		Open Option/Engineering
	Y	Open Option/Humanities and Social Services
	Y	Open Option/Humanities and Social Sciences/Pre-Law

\*some majors within the School require a second language

## OPEN OPTION

*It is advised that, if you are an Open Option major, you should take the Foreign Language and Calculus Placement Tests.*

# WRITING EXEMPTION AND PLACEMENT EXAM

## WRITING EXEMPTION AND PLACEMENT

The College of New Jersey values the importance of writing in all disciplines and seeks to enable students to develop “confident identities as good writers who can communicate clearly and effectively to an array of audiences for a range of purposes.” The College has, therefore, developed a writing intensive curriculum in which all TCNJ students are required to take three writing intensive courses during their tenure at the College.

These include First Seminar (FSP), taken in the Fall semester of the first year; a mid-level writing intensive course in the major in either the sophomore or junior year; and a senior-level writing intensive capstone course in the major in the senior year. Note that some transfer students are exempted from the First Seminar.

In addition, some entering students may also be required to take WRI 102: Academic Writing to help better prepare them for the demands of their writing intensive requirements. Students entering the College in January may have to wait until the following spring to enroll in the course depending on the number of seats available in the sections offered in Spring 2015.

### What is WRI 102: Academic Writing?

WRI 102 is a four-credit writing instruction course focused on academic argumentation and is designed to prepare students to successfully meet the demands of the writing intensive curriculum at TCNJ. For more details, see <http://writing.pages.tcnj.edu/sample-page/wri-101-wri-102-course-descriptions/>

Some students are exempt from the course through SAT, ACT or AP scores. The following scores will place you out of WRI 102:

- SAT scores of 580 or above in BOTH math and critical reading (our data on TCNJ students indicates that high reading scores matched by high math scores are more effective predictors of college writing proficiency than reading scores alone.) We do not use the Writing score because this is a test of skills that are different from those we teach in WRI 102; or

- An ACT composite score of 26 or higher; or
- An AP score of 4 or higher in English Literature, English Composition, U.S. History, or World History.

### How do I know if I have to take The Writing Exemption and Placement Exam?

If you have not placed out of the course through your SAT, ACT, or AP scores, or you did not submit SAT scores, and want to attempt to place out of WRI 102, you are required to take the Writing Exemption and Placement Test. If your placement score exempts you from WRI 102, you are still welcome to take the course should you desire.

### Special Note to Transfer Students

You may also be exempt from taking WRI 102 if, at your previous institution, you have taken a credit-bearing course (numbered 100 or above) in writing or composition which has been approved as equivalent to WRI 102..

### How Do I Sign Up to Take The Exam?

The exam is given on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 11am and 1pm in Business Building 205. Please visit <http://writing.pages.tcnj.edu/> to pre-register.

### How do I prepare for the test?

The test involves reading a short newspaper article and writing in response to it based on a prompt. Consult the following rubric for how essays are scored: <http://writing.pages.tcnj.edu/sample-page/wri-102-placement-exemptions/>

The exam is given in a computer lab so that you can compose your essay in a Word document. All essays are scored by at least two Writing faculty members using a holistic 6-point scale. Essays scoring 4 or above will gain the student's exemption from WRI 102.

*If you have any questions, please contact the Writing Program at (609) 771-2864 or [writing@tcnj.edu](mailto:writing@tcnj.edu).*

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*Nina Ringer  
Director, Writing Program*



# PLACEMENT TEST REMINDERS

## REMEMBER TO BRING:

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## EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS

Students who need to make arrangements for Alternative Testing accommodations or extended time must contact Meghan Sooy, Director of the Office of Disability Support Services at (609) 771-2280, prior to the test date.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Please have your AP test scores sent electronically from ETS directly to Office of Records & Registration at The College of New Jersey. If you should have any questions regarding Advanced Placement, please contact Ms. Esther Ball, at [balle@tcnj.edu](mailto:balle@tcnj.edu) or at (609) 771-2830. Further AP information can be viewed at <http://advisingresources.pages.tcnj.edu>.

Advanced Placement credit is awarded through the Office of Records & Registration.

## DIRECTIONS AND CAMPUS MAP

Directions and Campus Map: Please refer to <http://tcnj.pages.tcnj.edu/about/campus-info/campus-map/> for our campus map and the link for directions to The College of New Jersey.

