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 during December 10, 2012, to January 7, 2013.

www.tcnj.edu/~regist/placement

Placement tests administered on campus will occur on Monday, January 7, 2013

American Sign Language
10 am to 2 pm – Education Bldg. 312-D
RSVP Date: December 19, 2012
Dr. Slobodzian at slobodzi@tcnj.edu

Language Placement Tests
(for students who do not have access to a computer or who have problems accessing the remote website)
10 am to 2 pm – Bliss Hall 28

Writing Exemption and Placement Exam
12 pm to 2 pm – Bliss Hall 31
Preregister – http://www.tcnj.edu/~writing
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.

**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 or a 4 or higher on the AP exam are exempt from the language requirement.

Students who have taken the AP Exam in a language are encouraged to wait until receiving the results before taking the TCNJ 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 10, 2012, and January 7, 2013. The on-line address is www.tcnj.edu/~regist/placement.

The language placement exam will also be given on campus on January 7, 2013, in BLISS 28 from 10:00AM – 2:00PM for students who have no access to a computer or have problems accessing the remote website. Please note that the latest arrival time for this testing session is 1:00 PM. Make sure to have a photo id.

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, 103 or 151) may choose to continue with more advanced courses in that language. They should contact the department chair to discuss options.

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.

For Greek and Latin:

Contact - Dr. Holly Haynes, Co-Coordinator of Classical Studies

Email: haynes@tcnj.edu Phone: (609) 771-2349

Drs. Adriana Rosman-Askot and Deborah Compte
Co-Chairs 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 December 19, 2012. Testing will be on Monday, January 7, 2013. Please contact Dr. Jean Slobodzian at 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.

Dr. Jean Slobodzian
Special Education, Language and Literacy
Many students enrolled at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) have a major that requires Calculus (either MAT127: Calculus A or MAT125: Calculus for Business and the Social Science). Students needing or wanting to take a Calculus course must meet specified entrance requirements before enrolling in the course. The College of New Jersey is deeply interested in student success in mathematics. The Mathematics Department has determined that an important indicator for success in Calculus is the SAT mathematics score.

Students need at least a **650 math SAT score or a 29 ACT math score** to enroll in Calculus. Students who do not meet this requirement will not be able to directly enroll in Calculus.

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.

Students with a **math SAT score in the 600-640 range** or a **math ACT score of 27 or 28**, may enroll in MAT 127: Calculus A or MAT 125 but will initially be placed into MAT 096: Pre-calculus. Students may request to be enrolled into Calculus A based upon their own perception of their strength in mathematics; however, we strongly recommend that students consider one of the following options in January before starting at TCNJ to help ensure success in Calculus A:

**A.** Take the pre-calculus online course described on the Mathematics and Statistics Department’s calculus placement webpage ([http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/](http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/)).

**OR**

**B.** Pass a pre-calculus course (either at TCNJ or another institution of higher education). Please note that Pre-calculus taken at TCNJ cannot be used to meet your degree requirements and is non-transferable from another institution but will satisfy the pre-requisite for MAT 125 or MAT 127.

Students with a **math SAT score lower than 550** or a **math ACT score lower than 24** will be placed into MAT 096: Intermediate Algebra. Students who would like to enroll in Calculus A their first term at TCNJ should complete both Intermediate Algebra and Pre-calculus prior to the start of the spring semester. If they take the online courses described on the departmental webpage ([http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/](http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/)), students should pass the pre-calculus placement exam that the department administers. Students must register in advance for the placement exam and pay the fee.

Students placed into Intermediate Algebra who would like to enroll in Pre-calculus their first term at TCNJ should complete Intermediate Algebra prior to the start of the spring semester. If they take the online Intermediate Algebra course described on the departmental webpage ([http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/](http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/)), students should pass the pre-calculus placement exam that the department administers. Students must register in advance for the placement exam and pay the fee. Information can be found on the department website ([http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/](http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/)).

**Students with AP Calculus Exam Credit**

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 credit(s) for calculus sometimes choose to forgo the AP credit and retake the class(es) at TCNJ recognizing the faster pace and increased rigor of TCNJ courses. Others choose to accept the AP credit and do very well. This is a personal decision that can be discussed with an academic advisor. Students who earn AP credit will automatically be awarded credit for the first calculus course (MAT 127:Calculus A or MAT 125) and will be eligible to enroll in MAT 128, or move on to an appropriate level in the mathematics sequence. 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**. You can also visit the department’s webpage at [http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/](http://mathstat.pages.tcnj.edu/courses-2/calculus-requirement/).

**Drs. Thomas Hagedorn and Cathy Liebars**

Co-Chairs, Department of Mathematics and Statistics
### REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR

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#### OPEN OPTIONS

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**OPEN OPTION**

It is advised that, if you are an Open Option major, you should take the Foreign Language Test.
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, 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 then 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 2013.

What is WRI 102: Academic Writing?
WRI 102 is a 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.)
• An ACT composite score of 26 or higher
• An AP score of 4 or higher in English Literature, English Composition, US 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, you can, if you so choose, attempt to place out of WRI 102 by taking the Writing Exemption and Placement Exam. Students are not obligated to take the exam since many may find it beneficial to take WRI 102. However, if you believe that your SAT scores do not accurately reflect your writing ability, please do make plans to take the exam this January.

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 Monday, January 7, 2013, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm in Bliss Hall 31.

Please visit http://writing.pages.tcnj.edu/ to pre-register. Results will be emailed to you later in the week. For more information, please contact The Writing Program at (609)771-2864 or writing@tcnj.edu.

How do I prepare for the exam?
The exam 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/files/2012/11/exemption-placement-rubric.pdf

The exam is given in a computer lab so that you can compose your essay in a Word document. All essays are scored by several 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.

Dr. Mary Goldschmidt
Director of the Writing Program
**REMEMBER TO BRING:**

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**ALTERNATIVE TESTING**

Students who need to make arrangements for Alternative Testing accommodations or extended time must contact Michelle Gervasi, Coordinator of the Office of Differing Abilities at (609) 771-2571, prior to the test date.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

Please have your AP test scores sent from ETS directly to Ms. Esther Ball, Senior Academic Evaluator, Office of Records & Registration at The College of New Jersey, PO Box 7718, Ewing, NJ 08628-0718. If you should have any questions regarding Advanced Placement, please contact her directly at (609) 771-2830. Further AP information can be viewed at http://advisingresources.pages.tcnj.edu/test-credit/advanced-placement/. Advanced Placement credit is awarded through the Office of Records & Registration.

**DIRECTIONS AND CAMPUS MAP**

Please refer to www.tcnj.edu/~pa/maps for our campus map and the link for directions to The College of New Jersey.