



## What languages are currently offered at Samford University?

French, German, Spanish  
Greek, Hebrew, Latin  
Arabic,\*ASL, Chinese, Italian,  
Japanese, Korean, Russian (\*does not satisfy general education language requirement)

**You can access the Language Placement Exams at the end of this document. To access the exam, you will need your Samford username and password issued to you when you were admitted. If you have questions, please contact your admission counselor.**

### **1. For which classical and modern languages are the placement exams offered?**

#### **Latin**

*The Department of Classics provides a Latin Placement Exam through Canvas, Samford's Online Learning Management System. (See box at the end of this document)*

#### **Modern Languages**

*The Department of World Languages and Cultures primarily offers placement exams in Spanish, French, and German via WebCAPE 2.0/TrueNorth. (See boxes at the end of this document) Students should contact the WLAC Department Chair's Office ([vn Castel@samford.edu](mailto:vn Castel@samford.edu) or 205-726-2747) if they would like to be tested in a language other than Spanish, French, or German.*

### **2. What is WebCAPE 2.0/TrueNorth?**

*WebCAPE 2.0 (Web Computer Adaptive Placement Exam)/TrueNorth is an online placement tool that determines modern language proficiency and corresponding course level using a combination of grammar, reading, and vocabulary questions. In order to achieve the most appropriate placement consistent with language level, students are expected to complete the placement exam to the best of their ability without the use of textbooks, dictionaries, or any other type of assistance within the time frame allotted. Typical time for completing the exam is approximately 30 minutes.*

### **3. How does the placement exam for modern languages work?**

*After starting WebCAPE/TrueNorth, students enter their Samford student ID and password and respond to questions regarding their previous language experience in order to create a student profile. Once the student profile is complete, the computer prepares the student for the exam by briefly explaining that the student is to respond to multiple choice questions by typing and confirming the letter of the correct answer. As students proceed through the exam, the computer selects and displays items based upon their responses to previous items.*

### **4. What if I have previous language experience in French, German, or Spanish?**

*Students who have prior knowledge of French, German or Spanish but who do not have official credit for FRE/GER/SPAN 101 must take this exam before registering for any course above the 101 level. Prerequisites are strictly enforced.*

### **5. Does this exam give me course credit?**

*No credit for languages courses will be granted based on the results of this exam. It is an exam for placement purposes only.*

### **6. What if I want to study a language for which there is no online placement exam?**

*If you have previous language experience in either Arabic, Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Korean or Russian and seek placement into a higher level than 101, contact the WLAC Department Chair's Office (vncastel@samford.edu or 205-726-2747) to set up a placement test to determine the appropriate course. For Greek and Hebrew, contact the Department of Classics.*

### **7. What if I have AP/IB credits?**

*Please see the online Undergraduate Catalog for a full list of accepted AP/IB exams. If you have taken any of these exams, please consult with an advisor before registering for classes. Failure to do so may result in repeating a course for which you have earned credit.*

### **8. Can I take the placement exam more than once?**

*Please be advised that if you decide to take the exam more than once, only your first score will be counted.*

### **9. How quickly do I get my score?**

*When a French, German, or Spanish Placement Exam is completed you will see the score and semester placement immediately. Your score and recommended course level will be given to your advisor. Latin placement exam results will be assessed by the Department of Classics and sent to your advisor.*

### **10. How long is my score valid?**

*Your score will remain valid for one year from the date of the placement exam.*

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