

## Language: How to Register

### General Education Language Requirement

All students at Messiah University must satisfy a second language requirement. This requirement may be fulfilled by taking courses in Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew or Spanish. If you have already studied one of these languages, we encourage you to continue the study of that language during your first year at Messiah, and we would like to help you in the registration process.

Students with a background in Chinese, French, German, or Spanish may register for the appropriate level of language per the chart provided below.

### Self-Placement Guidelines

#### Chinese, French, German and Spanish

Competencies	Years of Language Instruction	Suggested Action
No knowledge of the language or very basic vocabulary and grammar.	Up to 1 year	Register for 101 level
Able to communicate in present tense; speak of self in short sentences and in informal conversations.	1-3 years	Register for 102 level
Able to communicate in present and past tenses; speak of self and events in past and present tenses.	3+ years	Complete On-Campus Language Placement Test

**NOTE: Chinese, French, and German**

**\*101 and 201 offered ONLY in the fall; 102 offered ONLY in the spring**

### On-Campus Language Placement Test

All students are invited to take the language placement test that will take place on Saturday, August 24 at 9:00 a.m. Per the self-placement chart above, new students who meet the competencies, and/or have 3+ years of language instruction, are especially encouraged to take a language placement test during Welcome Weekend. Please reference the [New Student Orientation Schedule](#) and contact the Language, Literature and Writing Department Chair, Dr. Kerry Hasler-Brooks, with general questions: [khasler@messiah.edu](mailto:khasler@messiah.edu).

After the test, students will receive an email indicating their results, which will also be available to their advisor. Students will have the opportunity to meet with their advisors on Monday, August 26 to discuss any necessary adjustments to their schedules. Please note that the placement test does not bear academic credit.

### French, German, or Spanish

For students interested in taking the placement test for French, German, or Spanish, attend the testing session scheduled on August 26. Please reference the [New Student Orientation Schedule](#) for details. No pre-registration required.

### Chinese

For students interested in taking the placement test for Chinese, please contact Associate Professor of Chinese, Dr. Stella Ye, to schedule an appointment and to request any additional information: [lye@messiah.edu](mailto:lye@messiah.edu).

## Hebrew and Greek

For students interested in taking the placement tests in Hebrew or Greek, please contact the Biblical, Religious and Philosophical Studies Department Chair, Dr. Shelly Skinner, to schedule an appointment and to request any additional information: [sskinner@messiah.edu](mailto:sskinner@messiah.edu).

## AP, CLEP, I.B. or College Credit

Students who have received college credit for languages via AP, CLEP, I.B., or transfer credit should refer to the chart provided below to guide language registration.

Credit Received	Suggested Action
101 level	Register for 102 level
102 level	Language met/no additional language course required
201 level	Language met/no additional language course required

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## International Students

If English is your second language, you may be eligible for a Language and Intercultural Perspectives-Global Waiver. Contact the Office of the Registrar for more information: [registrar@messiah.edu](mailto:registrar@messiah.edu).

## Accommodations for Students

If you are a student in need of academic accommodations and you qualify for extra time on exams, please arrange to take your language placement test with the Office of Academic Accessibility by emailing Amy Slody, Director of the Academic Success Center: [aslody@messiah.edu](mailto:aslody@messiah.edu).

## For Credit Test

Students with advanced language proficiency in a language not offered at Messiah can opt to take a language placement test through NYU at their cost. Visit the NYU website at this [link](#) to find which languages are offered at NYU. Students may contact NYU directly (212-998-7030) or complete an on-line registration to take the 12-point exam at Messiah University or remotely. See the Testing Process for off-site exam information. Students may contact Kerry Hasler-Brooks [khasler@messiah.edu](mailto:khasler@messiah.edu) requesting the required letter to submit to NYU to have an exam proctored at Messiah University and to make on-campus exam arrangements.

## Questions

For additional information about language requirements and testing, please access the Language, Literature and Writing webpage [here](#).