PLACEMENT EXAM

Language placement tests are required of students who plan to continue in languages studied prior to entrance in the College. Language placement tests determine where a student begins language study; results do not confer credit or satisfy the language competency requirement.

Online placement tests in some languages may be taken the summer before arrival on campus. Students will be given instructions in early July on how to access more information. For placement in languages without an online exam, students meet with a coordinator in the language during Orientation Week.

More information is available here: University of Chicago Language Center.

If you are interested in taking the Placement Exam, contact the appropriate examiner listed below for language-specific information.

- Catalan: Mario Santana
- French: Rebecca Petrush
- Italian: Leonardo Cabrini and Sara Dallavalle
- Portuguese: Ana Lima
- Spanish: Eduardo Leão (Non-Heritage Learners) and Megan Marshall (Heritage Learners)

COMPETENCY EXAM

Students in the College are expected to demonstrate competence in a language other than English. The language competence requirement must be met by demonstrating reading, writing, and (where appropriate) listening and speaking skills equivalent to one year of college-level study. Students are expected to complete the language competence requirement in their first two years in the College.

For more Information please consult the College Catalog.

If you are interested in taking the Language Competency Exam, contact the appropriate examiner listed below for language-specific information.

- Catalan: Mario Santana
- French: Rebecca Petrush
- Italian: Veronica Vegna
- Portuguese: Ana Lima
- Spanish: Nené Lozada

PROFICIENCY EXAMS

Students with a certain proficiency in certain Romance languages may take assessment exams and earn a certificate.

Practical Language Proficiency Assessment & Certification

For students who have two years of formal language study at the college level (or equivalent) in Catalan, French, and Italian, the College has instituted a Practical Language Proficiency Assessment. This certification documents what they can do with the language in a meaningful and impactful way and how their language abilities--listening, reading, speaking, and writing--will serve them in their professional and academic careers. This assessment is administered once in the Autumn quarter and once in the Spring quarter. Registration is mandatory. Click here for more information and to register.

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Advanced Language Proficiency Assessment & Certification

For students who have completed three years of formal language study at the college level (or equivalent) in French or Spanish AND who have significant experience using this language on a daily basis for an extensive period of time (whether having studied abroad or by virtue of being a heritage language learner), the College also has an Advanced Foreign Language Certificate program. Students who successfully pass a University of Chicago proficiency test (assessing speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills) will receive a certificate of advanced proficiency in a foreign language and will have this proficiency noted on their transcripts. Although the certificate will note the precise passing grade received on the test (Pass - High Pass – High Pass with Honors), the transcript will note only that the student has attained advanced

proficiency in a specific language. (If the student takes the exam but fails to pass it, the transcript will NOT indicate this.)

Students who do not meet these qualifications but feel that their background deserves special consideration are invited to petition their case to the appropriate language tester.

Ineligible: Students schooled in the target language through high school are ineligible, inasmuch as a high school diploma would assume that the student is linguistically proficient in that language.

Please be aware that a civilization course in the target country, in which you speak very little in the target language, might not prepare you adequately for this test.

If you are interested in obtaining the **Practical or Advanced Language Proficiency Certificate**, contact the proficiency examiner listed below for language-specific information.

- Catalan: Mario Santana
- French: Céline Bordeaux
- Italian: Veronica Vegna
- Portuguese: Ana Lima
- Spanish: Nené Lozada