

Instructions for the Language Placement Assessment at Anderson University

Modern Language Placement at AU

At Anderson University, most students want to continue to study a foreign language. To better assess your proficiency in French or Spanish, current students, transfer students and incoming freshmen who have previously studied French or Spanish in middle or high school should take our placement test in that language. Placement tests are mandatory for any student who intends to continue in a language previously studied. Placement exams for other languages, such as Portuguese, may be completed during fall orientation if needed.

Students who opt to begin a language they have not previously studied do not have to take a placement test in that language, though this will need to be verified before the student is allowed to register for 111, the first semester of the beginning level of that language.

Native speakers of a language other than English are not normally allowed to earn credit for the first two years of college credits in their native language. They may be allowed to earn credit at the third year and beyond; ultimately, however, the language department has the right to place the student at the appropriate level.

Understanding What a Language Placement Test Does

The purpose of Anderson University's computer adaptive language placement exam is to provide individualized testing, identifying the student's ability level with combinations of grammar, reading, and vocabulary questions. In order to achieve the most appropriate placement consistent with the student's language level, students are expected to complete the placement examination to the best of their ability, without the use of textbooks, dictionaries, or any other type of assistance.

The placement exam should only be taken once, though you may be asked to repeat the exam if the results are not valid.

Understanding Test Scores

Any semester placement you may receive with your online numerical test score is not based on AU's official placement rubrics and should not be taken as an indication of

your actual placement. Placement into Foreign Language classes is based upon Anderson University's placement exam test scores, previous experience with the language and, in some cases, individual consultation with Language faculty.

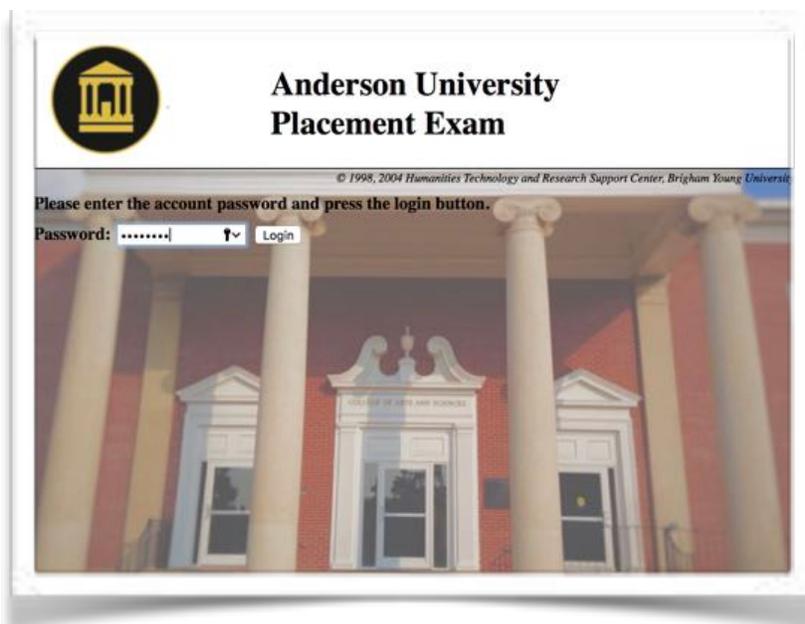
The Department of Modern Languages & Cultures will review the results of the placement examination in conjunction with other information, such as number of years that the language was studied, heritage, grades earned, etc. The department reserves the right to change the student's placement in a course if it believes that the student has not been placed at the appropriate level, or in the most appropriate course based on the student's exposure to the language.

Students who believe themselves to have been misplaced on the basis of the placement test should contact Dr. Conny Palacios, Chair of the Department of Modern Languages & Cultures in Watkins Faculty Office Building 001. Such a determination will be made after a more detailed evaluation of speaking, listening, reading and writing proficiency, which will be conducted by a Language faculty member.

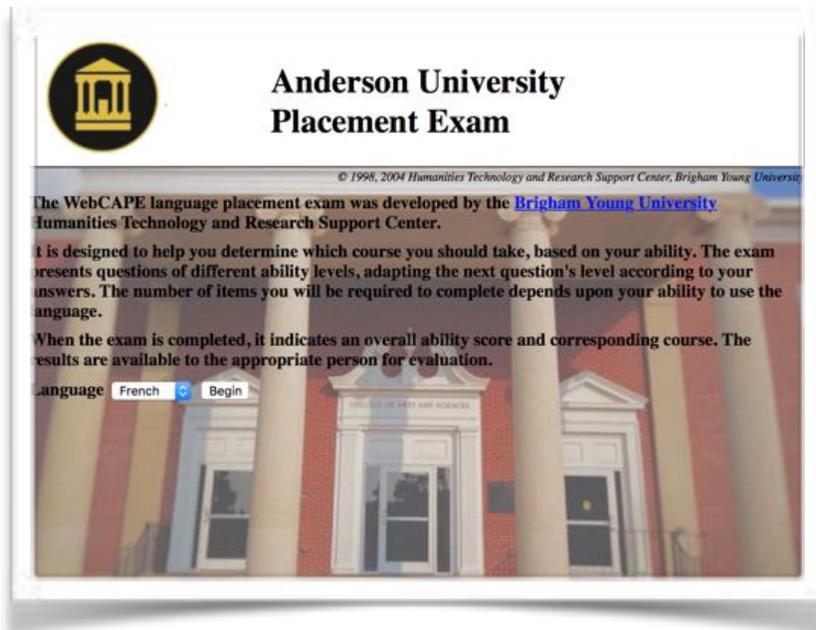
IMPORTANT NOTE: You may not place yourself into a course lower than where you tested without permission of the Department of Modern Languages & Cultures. If you do so and attend the incorrect class, you may not receive credit for the course.

Instructions for Taking the Test

1) The online placement test is available 24 hours a day at the following address: <http://webcape.org/nwcregister.php?acct=andersonuniversity>. When you see the Welcome screen (**Below**), enter the following password to enter the placement test site: **Language** (all lowercase letters except the "L") and press "Login."



2) Select the language (French or Spanish) you will be taking in the fall or spring semester and press "Begin" (Below).



3) Make sure you enter your full first and last name, university ID number, and university email address. When you fill-out the questionnaire (Below), please make a note of the information (First Name, Last Name, E-mail Address) exactly as you enter it since you will need this information to review your final score or to resume an exam. You might want to print a copy of this screen for your records. Answer the survey questions concerning your language experience. This information will be compared to your transcripts.

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French Placement Exam**

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Please provide your name to identify your exam result. Your institution may also require an ID number and email address as well. Fill out the form as completely as possible.

First name _____ (required)
 Last name _____ (required)
 ID number _____ (Do not use your Social Security Number.)
 Email _____

To resume an interrupted exam or view your score from your last attempt, fill in the blanks above exactly as before then press this button --> Resume

1. I am enrolled in a French class at Anderson University.
 1a. Which one? _____

2. I have previous French language experience.
If no, you are finished with the survey. Use the Continue button below to continue.

3. French is or was spoken in my home.
 3a. By whom?
 father
 mother
 brothers/sisters
 spouse

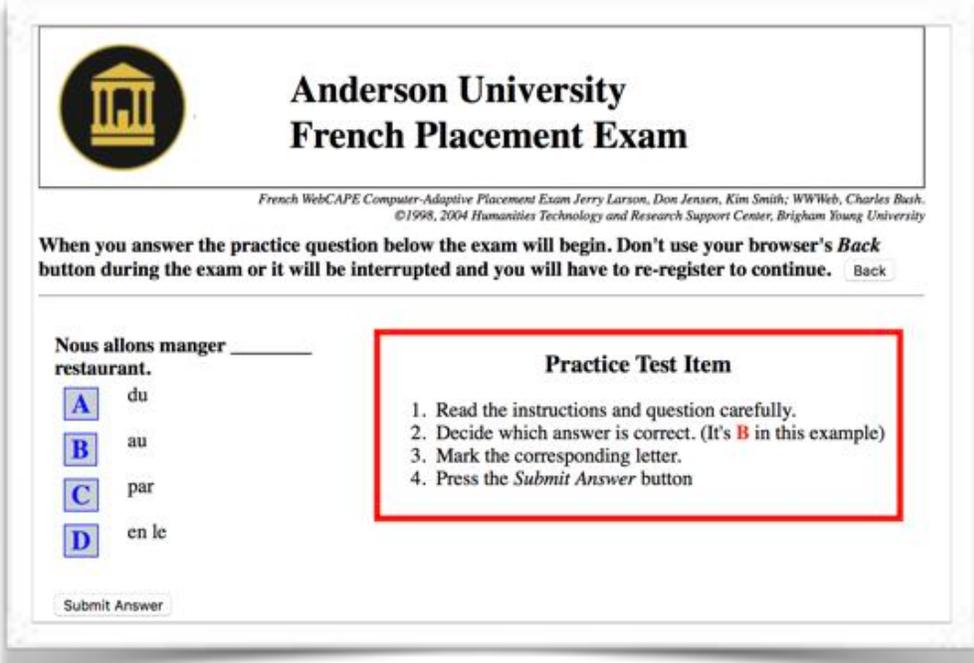
4. I lived in a French-speaking area.
 4a. Where? _____
 4b. How long? _____

5. I studied French in school.

Level	Years School	City, State/Country
5a. Jr. High	_____	_____
5b. Sr. High	_____	_____
5c. College	_____	_____

Back Continue

4) Once you complete the questionnaire and press "continue" you will see the following practice test item screen (Below). Click on the practice test item and then "Submit Answer" to begin taking the online placement test.



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When you answer the practice question below the exam will begin. Don't use your browser's *Back* button during the exam or it will be interrupted and you will have to re-register to continue. [Back](#)

Nous allons manger _____ restaurant.

A du
 B au
 C par
 D en le

[Submit Answer](#)

Practice Test Item

1. Read the instructions and question carefully.
2. Decide which answer is correct. (It's **B** in this example)
3. Mark the corresponding letter.
4. Press the *Submit Answer* button

5) The online placement test in French or Spanish will take approximately 25 minutes to complete. When you have completed the online placement exam, make sure to click "FINISHED!" or the exam will not be completed. Once you complete the placement exam, your score will be sent directly to the Department of Modern Languages and Culture at AU.

If your exam session is interrupted and you have not completed the placement exam, you must login again and enter your information EXACTLY as you did when you started the exam and then click Resume. Do NOT choose Take the Test from Scratch, as your results will not be recorded properly. Once you finish taking the test, the Report (see below) indicates your initial placement score in "Points," which will be displayed on the screen for you to print out, or you may cut and paste the text of the final score to insert into an e-mail message to yourself for your records. We will receive a copy of your results so you do not need to send them to anyone.



Anderson University French Placement Exam Report

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Name: Er, Test
Id number: 0092846
E-mail: _____
Started: 3:55 PM Tue 28 Mar 2017
Ended: 3:56 PM Tue 28 Mar 2017
Duration: 0 hours 1 minutes
Points: 3

Placement:

below 260	Sem. 1
260 - 333	Sem 2
334 - 403	Sem 3
above 403	Sem 4+

NOTE: A student with a placement score at the extremes of an indicated range should consult a department advisor to consider other factors before shifting to a higher- or lower-level course.

To view these results at a later time you **MUST**:

1. Go to the WebCAPE exam website again
2. Fill out the top of the survey form exactly as you did this time
3. Press the *Resume* button

To make a copy of these results use your browser's *File* menu to save them to a file, print them, or send them via email.

Finished

Remember, the point score indicated at the end of your placement exam is a suggested placement score, but your placement is not complete until it is reviewed by the Department of Modern Languages and Culture. This usually takes a day or two, so make sure you take the test in plenty of time before you are scheduled to register.

If you have technical difficulties please contact: Ms Annie Brink (854) 231-2150.