

Determining Which Online Placement Exams to Take

Below is more detail about the placement exam requirements based on your Academic Unit. Please note that each school/college sets its own requirements and ONSP cannot grant you an exception.

A general guide of how to interpret the chart:

- **Required** = your school/college requires you to take the online placement exam. In the case of languages, **if you do not have any experience in that language, you are not required to take that language placement exam.** Requirement is only if you have prior experience and plan to continue to enroll in that language.
- **Not required** = your school/college does not require you to take the online placement exam.
- **Encouraged/Optional** = While not required, if you intend to continue to take coursework in that subject, you should take the exam.

TRANSFER STUDENT PLACEMENT EXAM CHART

School/College/Program	Math	Directed Self-Placement for Writing	Languages (Only if you have prior experience)
Art & Design	Required	Required	Optional
Business	Encouraged	Required if you have not satisfied the First Year Writing Requirement	Required
Dental Hygiene	Not Required	Required if you have not satisfied the First Year Writing Requirement	Not Required
Education	Required if taking courses or seeking teacher certification in Math	Required if you have not satisfied the First Year Writing Requirement	Required if taking courses or seeking teacher certification in a language
Engineering	Not Required	Not Required	Encouraged
Information	Not Required	Required if you have not satisfied the First Year Writing Requirement	Optional
Kinesiology	Required	Required if you have not satisfied the First Year Writing Requirement	Optional
Literature, Science & Arts (LSA)	Encouraged	Required	Required
LSA-Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP)	Encouraged	Required	Required
LSA-Honors Program	Encouraged	Not Required	Required
LSA-Residential College	Encouraged	Required	Required
Music, Musical Theatre, Theatre, Dance (SMTD) general	Encouraged	Required	Encouraged
SMTD Piano, Voice Performance, Musical Theatre, & Theatre Performance (Acting)	Encouraged	Required	Required
SMTD Performing Arts Technology Programs (PAT)	Required	Required	Encouraged
Nursing	Not Required	Required if you have not satisfied the First Year Writing Requirement	Not Required
Pharmacy	Encouraged	Not Required	Encouraged
Public Health	Not Required	Required if you have not satisfied the First Year Writing Requirement	Encouraged if you are in the Bachelor of Arts Public Health Program

Text Only Format and Additional Information

Math Placement

The math placement is **REQUIRED** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs, regardless of transfer credit:

- School of Art and Design
- School of Education students who are planning to take math coursework or are seeking teacher certification in mathematics
- School of Kinesiology
- School of Music Theatre and Dance students entering any of the Performing Arts Technology Programs (PAT)

The math placement is **ENCOURAGED** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs who are planning to take any math courses while at UM, regardless of transfer credit:

- School of Business
- School of Kinesiology
- College of Literature, Science and the Arts (LSA)
- LSA Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP)
- LSA Honors Program
- LSA Residential College (RC)
- College of Pharmacy
- School of Music, Theatre and Dance (SMTD) that are not studying the Performing Arts Technology Programs (PAT)

The math placement is **NOT REQUIRED** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs:

- College of Engineering
- School of Information
- School of Nursing
- School of Public Health

Directed Self-Placement for Writing (DSP)

The DSP is **REQUIRED** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs, regardless of transfer credit:

- College of Literature, Science and the Arts (LSA)
- LSA Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP)
- LSA Residential College (RC)
- School of Music, Theatre and Dance (SMTD)

Depending on your incoming credit, you will need to take either the First-Year DSP or the Transfer DSP. Please visit the [Sweetland Center for Writing website](#) and follow the directions to determine your next steps.

The DSP **MAY BE REQUIRED** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs, depending on your transfer credit. You must have completed the equivalent of the First Year Writing Requirement. If you have not fulfilled the First Year Writing Requirement and are a student in one of the schools/colleges listed below, you are **REQUIRED** to take the First Year DSP. Please visit the [Sweetland Center for Writing website](#) and follow the directions to determine your next steps.

- School of Business
- Dental Hygiene
- School of Education
- School of Information
- School of Kinesiology
- School of Nursing
- School of Public Health

The DSP is **NOT REQUIRED** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs:

- College Engineering
- LSA Honors Program
- College of Pharmacy

Language Placement

Language Placement Exams are **REQUIRED** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs, regardless of transfer credit:

- Business (including any student pre-admitted into the School of Business),
- College of Literature, Science and the Arts (LSA) (Learn about the [LSA Language Requirement](#))
- LSA Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP)
- LSA Honors Program (Learn about the [LSA Language Requirement](#))
- LSA Residential College (RC) (Learn about the [RC Language Requirement](#))
- School of Education students who will be continuing coursework or seeking teacher certification in a world language
- School of Music, Theatre and Dance (SMTD) students who are studying Piano or Voice Performance, Musical Theatre, or Theatre Performance (Acting)

You are only required to take a placement if you have prior experience in that language and plan to continue to take coursework. If you have no prior experience in a language or will be studying a new language at UM, you do not need to take a placement and can enroll in the first sequence of the new language.

Language Placements are **ENCOURAGED or OPTIONAL** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs, if you have prior experience and have an interest in taking a language (for example, if you plan to minor in a language or enroll in coursework in that language), you should take the placement.

- School of Art and Design
- College of Engineering
- School of Information
- School of Kinesiology
- School of Music, Theatre and Dance (SMTD) who are not studying Piano or Voice Performance, Musical Theatre, or Theatre Performance (Acting)
- College of Pharmacy
- School of Public Health pursuing the Bachelor of Arts Public Health degree

Language Placements are **NOT REQUIRED** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs:

- School of Nursing