

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 text only version of the Placement Exam Requirement chart is below, as well as additional details about the requirements.

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 = While not required, if you intend to continue to take coursework in that subject, you should take the exam.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT PLACEMENT EXAM CHART

School/College/ Program	Math	DSP for Writing	Chemistry	Languages (Only if you have prior experience)
Kinesiology	Required	Required	Required for the Movement Science Program, Encouraged for the Applied Exercise Science Program Not Required for the Sport Management Program, unless interested in taking Chem courses	Encouraged
Literature, Science & Arts (LSA)	Required	Required	Encouraged	Required
LSA: Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP)	Required	Required	Encouraged	Encouraged
LSA: Honors Program	Required	Not Required	Encouraged	Required
LSA: Residential College	Required	Required	Encouraged	Required

More Information

Math Placement

The Math Placement is **REQUIRED** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs, regardless of AP credit:

- School of Kinesiology
- College of Literature, Science and the Arts (LSA)
- LSA Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP)
- LSA Honors Program
- LSA Residential College (RC)

Chemistry Placement

The Chemistry Placement is **REQUIRED** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs:

- School of Kinesiology studying Movement Science

The Chemistry Placement is **ENCOURAGED** for students in the following schools/colleges/programs:

- School of Kinesiology studying Applied Exercise Science
- School of Kinesiology studying Sport interested in taking Chem courses
- College of Literature, Science and the Arts (LSA)
- LSA Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP)
- LSA Honors Program
- LSA Residential College (RC)

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

- School of Kinesiology studying Sport Management (unless you are interested in taking Chem courses, than you should take the placement!)

Directed Self-Placement for Writing (DSP)

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

- School of Kinesiology
- College of Literature, Science and the Arts (LSA)
- LSA Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP)
- LSA Residential College (RC)

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

- LSA Honors Program

Language Placement

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

- College of Literature, Science and the Arts (LSA) (Learn about the [LSA Language Requirement](#))
- LSA Honors Program (Learn about the [LSA Language Requirement](#))
- LSA Residential College (RC) (Learn about the [RC Language Requirement](#))

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:

- School of Kinesiology
- LSA Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP)

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.