

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)
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
Nursing	Not Required	Required if you have not satisfied the First Year Writing Requirement	Not Required
Pharmacy	Encouraged	Not Required	Encouraged

Text Only Format and Additional Information

Math Placement

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

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

- School of Nursing

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)

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 Nursing

Language Placement

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

- 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](#))

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

- School of Nursing