U-M Language Placement Exam

Purpose:
Language placement exams are designed to place undergraduate students appropriately in the correct language instruction course. In the case of Master of Social Work students, the purpose of this test will be to demonstrate a two-year college-level language proficiency. This two-year language proficiency will fulfill the language requirement for the Global Social Work Certificate.

Exam Administration:
Language proficiency exams at the University of Michigan are administered by the department through which language instruction is offered (e.g. Department of Romance Languages for Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and French). Please contact the appropriate department for exam dates. For department contact information, see the table below.

Exam dates:
For more commonly taught languages, departments offer exam dates throughout the academic year. Lesser taught languages may only have dates for placement exams based on student demand. Additionally, exam dates are offered periodically in the Spring/Summer through the Office of New Student Programs. Note that exams administered by the Office of New Student Programs are part of new student orientation for incoming undergraduate and transfer students and are only available in the following languages: Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

Exam structure:
The structure of language proficiency exams may vary by language. According to information from the Office of New Student Programs, exams normally are approximately one-hour in length. They may include information on listening and reading comprehension, cultural information, and grammatical understanding. We encourage you to talk to the appropriate department about the details of the actual test.

Exam scores & retest information:
U-M departments hold the responsibility of sharing your language placement exam scores with you. If you have met the two-year requirement, departments will indicate that to you. Response time may vary, depending on the department, but do not hesitate to contact department administrators for your results. Results are also posted on U-M transcripts. In the event that you did not meet the two-year language proficiency, talk to the department about retest possibilities.
U-M Language Departments*:

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<td>Arabic, Armenian, Hebrew, Persian, Turkish, Uzbek</td>
<td>Near Eastern Studies</td>
<td>(734) 764-0314</td>
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<td>French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish</td>
<td>Romance Languages Placement Test Information</td>
<td>(734) 764-5344</td>
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<td>Czech, Polish, Russian, Ukranian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian</td>
<td>Slavic Languages Placement Test Information</td>
<td>(734) 764-5355</td>
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<td>Danish, Dutch, German, Swedish, Yiddish</td>
<td>Germanic Languages Placement Test Information</td>
<td>(734) 764-8018</td>
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<td>Chinese, Filipino, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Punjabi, Thai, Tibetan, Urdu, Vietnamese</td>
<td>Asian Languages Placement Test Information</td>
<td>(734) 764-8286</td>
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<td>Latin, Modern Greek</td>
<td>Classical Studies</td>
<td>(734) 764-0360</td>
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* This list is not all-inclusive. For assistance in finding appropriate departments, please contact the International Institute (734) 763-9200 or search for the language on the U-M main website www.umich.edu

To Do List Items:

Call appropriate U-M department to ask for the following information:

- Language placement exam availability (test dates, times, and locations)
  - Contact the Office of New Student Programs at (734) 764-6413 for spring/summer test dates in the following languages: Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Russian
  - For Spanish- email rll.mailbox@umich.edu expressing interest in taking placement exam. The Spanish department will respond with instructions, online test period, and link for online exam.
- Needed materials for the exam
- How test results will be shared

Before the test date:

- Call the U-M department to confirm the date, time, and location
- Arrive at the test site at least five minutes before the scheduled test time. Language proficiency exams begin promptly at the time listed and do NOT account for Michigan time.

After the test date:
☐ Follow up with the U-M department that administered your exam about your placement test results
☐ Provide official test results to the Office of Global Activities