

Placement Exams and Interviews

Placement exams help determine which courses are appropriate for your experience level, and successful completion of a placement exam enables you to skip the introductory course in some departments. You will not receive credit for courses you place out of, so there's no reason to take a placement exam unless you intend to continue on in the relevant subject(s).

Placement exams and interviews are scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday, August 26, 2014. There are two back-to-back sessions, which allows you to take up to two exams. Session 1 is from 2-3:30 p.m. and Session 2 is from 3:30-5 p.m. Several of these exams take the full 90 minutes to finish; it is important that you be on time. Please note that some exams are only offered during one session.

Please bring a pen or pencil. To request disability accommodations for the exam, please contact the Director of Disability Support Services, Theresa Lowrie, at 503/517-7921 or by email: thlowrie@reed.edu *before* the day of the exam.

Locations:

Chinese	Eliot 103
Economics	Eliot 216 (Session 2 only)
French	Educational Technology Center (ETC) 208 and 211
German	Library Language Lab, IMC (Session 1 only, 60 minutes)
Latin	Dorothy Johansen House
Math	see below
Music	Performing Arts Building 131
Physics	Physics 123 (Session 1 only, 60 minutes)
Russian	Vollum 234 (Session 2 only)
Spanish	IRC 1 and IRC 2 in the ETC

Economics: The economics exam is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. only. It is intended for those students who have successfully completed college level work in economics and wish to determine whether their previous coursework prepared them for courses beyond the intro level. It should be noted that Reed's introductory economics course includes coverage up to what might be considered an intermediate level at many other undergraduate institutions. So completion of introductory economics at another school will not necessarily prepare you to place out of our intro course.

If you have any questions about the exam, please contact Jon Rork, Eliot 231, 503/459-4617 or by email: jrork@reed.edu.

Languages: In general, students wishing to enter any course in these departments beyond the first-year course should take the placement exam. If you are unsure, go to the exam and speak to the professor there. All of the language exams are online. Computers will be provided. You will need to know your Reed computing account username and password to access the exam.

German: The German exam is scheduled for 2 p.m. only. If you cannot make this time, contact Katja Garloff, Eliot 407, 503/517-7330, or by email: garloffk@reed.edu.

Russian: The Russian exam is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. only. If you cannot make this time, contact Marat Grinberg, Vollum College Center 122, 503/517-7362, or by email: grinberm@reed.edu.

Math: There is no placement exam for mathematics courses. If you are uncertain about which course to enroll in, you should talk with one of the math professors listed below on Tuesday afternoon, August 26, during the placement exam hours, or any other time *before* registration (on Thursday, August 28).

Math Faculty (who will be available for consultation):

James Fix, Library 314
Albyn Jones, Library 304

James Pommersheim, Library 307
Jerry Shurman, Library 386

Irena Swanson, Library 315
Thomas Wieting, Library 306

Music: The purpose of the exam is to identify those students who need NOT take Music 111 but who may instead enroll in Music 112 (offered in the spring semester), for which it is normally a prerequisite. Please note that this is not an exam to qualify you to *take* Music 111; the course is open to everyone regardless of background. If, however, you feel you have sufficient experience in music and its notation to go into a more advanced course, you should take the placement exam. Material covered includes intervals, triads & seventh chords, key signatures, providing chords from Roman numerals, figured bass, and notation of a known melody.

If you have any questions about the music exam, contact Virginia Hancock, Performing Arts Building (PAB) 144, 503/517-7380, or by email: vhancock@reed.edu.

Physics: The physics examination is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. only. The test is intended for those incoming students who have successfully completed college level work in physics, plan to major in physics, and wish to place out of the first semester of introductory physics. Students who perform well on the placement exam will be permitted to skip Physics 101 and start the physics major with Physics 102 in the spring semester.

If you have any questions about the exam, please contact Joel Franklin, Physics 228A, 503/777-7249, or by email: jfrankli@reed.edu.