French & Italian Placement Tests

PLEASE NOTE THE UW TESTING CENTER IS CLOSED RIGHT NOW. THEY PLAN TO REOPEN DURING THE SUMMER. An online placement test is available in French or Italian. If you need to take a placement test for graduation, summer quarter, or autumn quarter please see the instructions and the link below. Email FRENITAL@UW.EDU with any questions.

Placement tests are normally administered at the UW Testing Center in 440 Schmitz Hall.

If you took French or Italian in high school you must take a placement test, unless you already have college credit from UW in the High School, Running Start, an AP Exam, or Higher Level IB French/Italian exams. Otherwise, the UW registration system will not allow you to register for French/Italian courses.

If you have never taken French/Italian before, you do not need to take a placement test. You are eligible to register for FRENCH 101 or ITAL 101.

Students who have taken 2 or more years of French/Italian in high school or use French/Italian as their language of admission to the UW will not earn credit if they take FRENCH/ITAL 101 at UW. This is considered high school duplication.

If such a student takes the placement test and places into 101 then that student may take 101 but will not receive credit for the class. Students can take the class and receive a grade but these credits will not apply to overall total for graduation. Students in this situation can receive credit for FRENCH/ITAL 102 and on.

Learn more about Foreign Language credit and requirements at the UW.

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The Department of French & Italian Studies in partnership with the UW Testing Center and Avant Assessment now offer comprehensive online French and Italian placement tests for students seeking placement in French/Italian language courses or to demonstrate proficiency for graduation requirements. All students who have previously studied French/Italian but do not have college credit must take the placement test in order to register for a French/Italian language course at the UW.

The Avant STAMP 4S placement test is a remotely proctored, web-based test that assesses French/Italian language proficiency. The Avant STAMP 4S test has four sections and test items are based on real-world, everyday situations. The Avant STAMP 4S placement test costs $50 and is payable online by debit/credit card. On average the test takes around 2 hours and the maximum amount of time allowed is 3 hours (180 minutes).

The test’s four sections are; Reading (30 multiple choice questions), Writing (3 prompts), Listening (30 multiple choice questions), and Speaking (3 prompts). The Avant STAMP 4S placement test can place students from elementary to advanced French/Italian
Courses. Students do not need to study for the placement test but can review materials from previous courses.

Register here for the French or Italian online placement exam. You must select which test you are taking (French + Remote Proctoring or Italian + Remote Proctoring) and pay for the test to schedule a testing time.

Please note it take a few days to schedule a time for the test. Once you have taken the test we should have the results within 7 days. At which point we will email you your placement results and assist you with registering for the course you have placed into. If you have questions or need to take the placement exam just for graduation requirements email frenital@uw.edu.

You may wish to prepare for the test by consulting the following guides.

- STAMP 4S Remote Proctoring Test Taker Guide
- STAMP 4S Benchmarks & Rubric Guide
- Language Writing Examples
- STAMP 4S Power Up Guide
- STAMP 4S Sample Tests

If you have any issues with registering or taking the test please contact Avant’s Support team at support@avantassessment.com or phone 1-888-713-7887 for assistance. They are open 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time Monday – Friday and 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pacific Time on Saturdays.

General Registration Information:

This information is applicable to students with placement test scores, transfer students, and out-of-sequence students.

Students who take a placement test, have transfer credit and others who are not currently enrolled in a FRENCH or ITAL course become eligible to register at the start of registration Period II in any given quarter. Please check the academic calendar for Period I & II dates. Students with no French/Italian language courses on their transcripts (high-school level or above) are eligible to register for 101 during Period I.

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