Placement Test Information

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

If you have never taken French/Italian, you do not need to take a placement test. You are considered a beginner and are eligible for the first quarter language course (101 or 134).

Placement tests are administered at the Office of Educational Assessment in 440 Schmitz Hall.

100-level French & Italian exams are multiple-choice and consist of 100 questions.

- Score of 0-14 - Placement into 101
- Score of 15-30 - Placement into 102
- Score of 31-56 - Placement into 103
- Score of 57 or above - Placement into 201/eligible for 200-level placement exam

Quick Reference Guide to Prerequisites/Restrictions for French and Italian Grammar Courses:

French/Italian 101 (5 cr)
- Designed for absolute beginners.
- Students who have taken 2 or more years of French/Italian in high school will not earn credit for French or Italian 101, and should take a placement test. Students in this category who place into 101 may enroll in the course, but credits will not apply to overall credit total.
- Students who are eligible for 101 can register during Period I.

French/Italian 102 (5 credits) or 103 (5 credits):
- Students who place into French/Italian 102 or 103 are eligible to register at the start of Period II registration. To view registration period dates, please visit the academic calendar.

French/Italian 201 and above (5 credits each):
- Students who place out of French/Italian 103 on the 100-level placement exam are eligible for French/Italian 201 and may register
at the start of Period II registration. Placement out of 103 into French/Italian 201 fulfills the College of Arts and Sciences Foreign Language Requirement.

- If a student places into French/Italian 201 and wishes to take the 200-level placement exam in order to potentially place into an even higher level, that exam can be scheduled through the Testing Center by calling (206) 543-1171. Students wishing to by-pass the 100-level exam should consult with an adviser in French/Italian to inquire about permission to do so.

- It can take approximately two weeks for 200-level exams to be graded and results processed. Please note that we may not have proper staffing for second year exams to be graded during quarter breaks or over the summer.

General Registration Information:

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

Students with placement test scores, transfer credit and others who are not currently enrolled in the language sequence become eligible to register at the start of Period II. Please check the academic calendar for Period I & II dates.

Students with no French/Italian language on record at the UW (high school level or above) are eligible to register for 101 during Period I.

Waiting List Information

If you aren't able to secure a spot in the appropriate language course before the start of the quarter, you may attend the class for the first two days of the quarter in order to be considered for any openings. While French and Italian Studies does not endorse overloads, it is possible that a student on the waiting list will be invited to join the class if an enrolled student drops the class or with unexcused absences for the first two days of class, consecutively.

If you do the above and still aren't able to enroll, please visit the 100/200-level French and Italian Adviser in C-254 Padelford Hall in order to receive assistance with registration the next time the course is offered. This procedure does not apply to 101 courses.

Contact the adviser by email at frenital@uw.edu:
1. During the first week of the quarter, after you have been informed that you will not be added to the section that you have been attending.
2. Early on in registration for the next quarter when the class is offered; be sure to include your student #, and the SLN #s of the section/s that work with your schedule.

Note: Summer quarter is an option to take a language course if you have trouble getting into language sections of your choice during the regular academic year, especially beginning-level courses. Registration for summer quarter is on a first-come, first-served basis and is available to the general public. Please see the current summer time schedule for details on summer classes or contact frenital@uw.edu.

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