

Language Placement Examination (LPE) Information

Any student who has studied a language before and is planning to take the same language at Howard University is **REQUIRED** to take the Language Placement Examination (LPE). The LPE results will determine language course placement and are valid for one academic year (two semesters). By taking the LPE, COAS students will know if they have completed their language requirement. The LPE must be taken at least one week prior to enrollment/registration.

Students who have no prior knowledge of the language should register in 001 or 012.

Students who need additional information should email:

Dr. Jean Jacques Taty (jtaty@howard.edu): **French**

Dr. Mercedes Tibbits (mtibbits@howard.edu): **Spanish**

Dr. Mercedes Tibbits or Dr. Leonard Muaka (leonard.muaka@howard.edu): **All other languages**

[Please click here to access the Spanish Language Placement Exam](#)

[Please click here to access the French Language Placement Exam](#)



1 Basic courses in any language must be taken in proper sequence:

For example:



"Language" 001	"Language" 012
"Language" 002	[intensive 001 + 002]
"Language" 003	"Language" 013
"Language" 004	[intensive 003 + 004]

2 Required for:



All incoming students (Freshmen and transfer) who have had 1 year or more of any language in high school [or 2 years in middle school].

3 Exemptions:

	Score	Recommendation	Credit/Course
AP Language or Literature	3	Exempt 001-004, 040 or 050	3 (040 or 050)
	4 or 5	Exempt 001-004, 040 & 050	6 (040 & 050)
IB [High]	4	Exempt 001-004, 040 or 050	3 (040 or 050)
	5, 6, or 7	Exempt 001-004, 040 & 050	6 (040 & 050)
CAPE	1-3 (Unit 1)	Exempt 001-004, 040 or 050	6 (040 & 050)
	1-3 (Unit 2)	Exempt 001-004, 040 & 050	6 (040 & 050)
Cambridge A-level	A or B	Exempt 001-004, 040 & 050	3 (040 or 050)
Seal of Biliteracy	Silver Seal	Exempt 001-004, 040 or 050	3 (040 or 050)
	Gold Seal	Exempt 001-004, 040 & 050	6 (040 & 050)

4 LPE Languages:



The LPE is available in almost all languages offered in the Department. Contact the chair for more information.

5 Exam Details:



It is a web-based system; the exam is proctored and may be taken from any web-based computer. It takes about 1 hour to complete it. A practice exam is available.

6 Scores and Registration:



It takes 3-4 days for LPE scores to be posted. Students should contact their academic advisors or email ACELearningSupport@howard.edu to get their scores.

To register: Go to Bison Learn and follow the directions, or talk to your advisor, who will help you register.

Placement on Howard University Language Courses

Students who score a 5 or a 6 should register in 040 or 050

AVANT Score	Course in which students must register according to their AVANT score	Description of Levels
6	Major/Minor Sequence Courses: SPAN 040 and above	Advanced-High
5	Major/Minor Sequence Courses: SPAN 040 and above	Advanced-Low
4	Language 004	Intermediate
3	Language 003 or 0013	Intermediate-Low
2	Language 002	Novice-High
1	Language 001 or 012	Novice-Low
0	Student cannot enroll in Language Course. Must re-take the examination.	Student did not finish the examination