



# **CLLC Language Placement Testing Instructions**

## **MultiCAT Testing (Spanish, Spanish Heritage, French, German)**

**(Please read each link below carefully before beginning an exam. You will only have one attempt to take the exam.)**

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\*Advisors and students: Placement Test scores for MultiCAT exams may require up to 7 business days to be posted to student records. Carmen test results may take longer as they may require additional verification activities or are graded individually by faculty. Questions? [haviernikova.1@osu.edu](mailto:haviernikova.1@osu.edu)

### **Covid-19 MultiCAT Testing**

The MultiCAT placement exam is a multiple-choice, computer-adaptive test. No two students will be given the same set of questions. The test has no listening, speaking, or writing part.

Due to COVID-19 protocols at Ohio State, the main campus and testing centers are closed for Fall, Spring, Summer and Autumn semester 2021. In order to meet the needs of our students we are making the MultiCAT language placement exam (Spanish, Spanish Heritage Learner Exam\*, German, and French) available for remote testing. Testing will be available Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm EST with the exception of university holidays.

Please allow up to 7 (seven) business days for your score to appear in your transcript.

NOTE: The use of automatic translators and other aids like books, textbooks, phones, etc. is expressly prohibited. This includes any access to online translator extensions on the webapps during the exam.

\*If you have spoken Spanish with your heritage family at home, in your community or your church. [Click Here.](#)

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### **MultiCAT Eligibility**

To be able to access the MultiCAT exam you must be a current or incoming student at OSU and have an active OSU name, # and password. Without your OSU login credentials you will be unable to access this exam due to the exam design.

Please note that you SHOULD NOT be taking the MultiCAT if you:

- a) Already have credit or a mark (as in a failing grade or an incomplete) for a college-level course in the world language for which you are testing whether from OSU or another university; and/or
- b) Are currently enrolled in a college-level world language course in the SAME language for which you are testing.
- c) Are a native speaker of the testing language.
- d) You have never studied French/German/Spanish and wish to enroll in a beginner course.

If you meet any of the criteria above please contact Nina Haviernikova (Haviernikova.1@osu.edu) to discuss other pathways to test out of or receive credit for existing world language knowledge. Contact the OSU Orientation Office for assistance for removing the Foreign Language Testing task from your to do list on BuckeyeLink if you are exempt from the exam.

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### **Score/Placement Verification**

If you place out of 1103, please note that it is a preliminary placement and you will need to have your placement verified. Contact the appropriate coordinator below to learn more about how to verify your placement above 1103. **Please make sure to note in your email if you are graduating so that your verification is prioritized due to the upcoming graduation deadlines.**

### [Spanish Score Verification](#)

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## MultiCAT Platform Verification

### MultiCAT Platform Verification Spanish

Verification Process: Any student who places out of SPAN 1103 through the MultiCAT will then be required to take the SPAN 1103 Validation Exam. If the student passes this Validation Exam with a score of at least 80%, the credit earned by the student will be maintained. If the student does not pass this Validation Exam with a score of at least 80%, s/he will be placed into SPAN 1103, with the option of dropping down one- course level (into SPAN 1102). Students have two weeks from the day they take the placement exam to take the Validation Exam. For example, if you take the MultiCAT on Tuesday, July 7th you would have until 11:59PM on Tuesday, July 23rd to take the exam. Failure to take the validation exam in this timeframe will result in the student being place into SPAN 1103. Any credits earned will be adjusted accordingly.

Contact: Mike Mara ([mara.6@osu.edu](mailto:mara.6@osu.edu))

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### French Score Verification

NOTE: Native French speakers are not eligible to take the placement test.

NOTE 2: The use of automatic translators and other aids like books, textbooks, phones, etc. is expressly prohibited.

Verification Process: Any student who places out of FREN 1103 through the MultiCAT will then be required to take the FREN 1103 Validation Exam. If the student passes this Validation Exam with a score of at least 80%, the credit earned by the student will be maintained. If the student does not pass this Validation Exam with a score of at least 80%, they will be placed into FREN 1103, with the option of dropping down one course level (into either FREN 1102 or FREN 1155). Any credits earned will be adjusted accordingly.

Contact: Dr. Julie Parson ([parson.30@osu.edu](mailto:parson.30@osu.edu))

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### German Score Verification

Process: Any student who places out of GERMAN 1103 will need to complete additional testing and attend a virtual meeting with verification coordinator. Any credits earned will be adjusted accordingly.

Contact: Dr. Carmen Taleghani-Nikazm ([Taleghani-nikazm.1@osu.edu](mailto:Taleghani-nikazm.1@osu.edu))

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**MultiCAT Remote Exam Instructions:** You will have one attempt to take the exam so please make sure you have a good internet connection and a quiet space to take your exam. You will access an unlock code that will unlock your computer. The unlock code will not be posted if it is not an active testing time, see the beginning

of this document for active testing times. The exam is not timed; however, you should complete it in one hour or less. If we feel that you took an unusually long time to complete the exam and you do not have a Student Life Disability Services (SLDS) accommodation, we may invalidate your exam score. If you require accommodations as an OSU student, you will need to complete the registration process. Please, contact Michelle Salomone ([salomone.6@osu.edu](mailto:salomone.6@osu.edu)) for more information.

Browser Capabilities: The MultiCAT exam has been designed for capabilities of Firefox, Chrome, Safari browsers. Please enable JavaScript & Cookies before taking the tests.

Recommended Devices: PC, Mac, tablet and iPad. We do not recommend taking this exam on a smart phone.

- If you need a device you can request an iPad from ODEE by filling out the form located here: <http://go.osu.edu/dfs-service>
- Make sure to select “Request Use of Loaner iPad. Please be sure to include your shipping address in the comments, and fill out the form as completely as possible.

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### MultiCAT Student Testing Instructions

1) Unlock your computer [HERE](#):

- 2) At that site above you will be rerouted to [multicat.osu.edu](http://multicat.osu.edu)
  - a. Select the language you wish to test in
  - b. Select the number of years of coursework you took in that language during high school
- 3) Review **Academic Misconduct Statement** and Acknowledge
- 4) Complete Heritage language Survey (if applicable) 5) Begin test
- 6) Results will be shown at the end of the exam and will be emailed to your OSU email after the exam. If the score email is never sent to you please contact [cllc@osu.edu](mailto:cllc@osu.edu). **If you placed out of 1103 please refer to the [SCORE/PLACEMENT VERIFICATION](#) section for next steps.**

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**\*If you are a Spanish Heritage speaker, please follow these instructions below to the AVANT SHL test:**

**OSU defines a heritage speaker as a student who graduated from a high school in the U.S. with English as the main language of instruction but learning a different world language at home, church or community. The CLLC only administers one heritage speaker exam and that is for Spanish. This exam is the Spanish Heritage Learner exam and to gain access the student would need to email me to gain access.**

**If you identify as a Spanish heritage speaker based on the description above email CLLC ([cllc@osu.edu](mailto:cllc@osu.edu)) for access to the exam.**

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