CLLC Carmen Placement Testing Instructions

The following language placement tests are available through OSU’s Carmen Platform: Arabic, Italian, Russian, ASL, Korean, Somali, Hebrew, Latin, Swahili.

Testing Requirements

- a good internet connection. A download speed of at least five MBPS is recommended (or 10MBPS for audio tests). To check your internet speed, please click here.
- a quiet space to take your exam.
- Browser Capabilities: Before you begin a placement test, please check here to see if your browser is supported by Carmen Canvas.
- Recommended Devices: PC, Mac, tablets, and iPad. You are not permitted to take this exam on a smart phone.
- If you are in need of a device, you can request an iPad from ODEE by filling out the form located here: http://go.osu.edu/dfservice. 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.

Access to the Test

To get access to Carmen Language Test (except ASL) email the CLLC (cllc@osu.edu) from your OSU email with the subject line: "Request for Access to [the language you want to test in] Shell.” Please allow two business days to process your request. Email requests are processed Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (excluding university holidays).

You will receive an email confirmation with instructions and information on testing. Please read the email carefully and follow the instructions so that you can complete your test.

Specific Test and Verification Information

Carmen test results may take longer to post as they may require additional verification activities or are graded individually by faculty. If you have questions about your score, reach out to the department contact listed below. If your language requires an additional verification activity, the contact and process is described below. We reserve the right to require verification from any student.

- Arabic
  o Testing Time: 120 mins
  o Format: Multiple-choice reading comprehension exam, 3-tiers
  o Exam Access Contact: CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
  o Verification Process: Students who place out of AR 1103 will need to attend a virtual meeting with the verification coordinator and take additional testing.
  o Verification contact: Marie Therese Labaki

- ASL - American Sign Language
  o Testing Time: 45 minutes
  o Format: 9 questions: Watch the recorded question and then record and upload your response using ASL.
  o Verification Process: All student responses will be evaluated by the department. This process may take a few days to complete.
  o Exam Access and Verification Contact: Tia Jones

- Hebrew
  o Testing Time: 75 mins
  o Format: Multiple-choice reading and listening comprehension exam.
  o Exam Access Contact: CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
  o Verification Process: Verification for students who place out of HB 1103.
  o Verification Contact: Galit Golan
• Italian
  o Testing Time: 60 mins
  o Format: 102 multiple-choice questions
  o Exam Access Contact: CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
  o Verification Process: Verification is required for anyone who places out of 1103.
  o Verification Contact: April Weintritt

• Korean
  o Testing Time: Approximately 60-90 minutes
  o Format: Listening and Reading, multiple choice questions
  Exam Access Contact: CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
  o Verification Process: Any student who scored 23 or better in Exam 3 must attend a meeting with the
  Korean program coordinator and may be required to do additional testing. Please schedule an individual
  meeting as soon as possible. Schedule Here.

• Latin
  o Time: 60 mins
  o Format: Short answer and fill-in-the-blank test
  o Exam Access Contact: CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
  o Verification Process: No verification required.

• Russian
  o Testing Time: 90 mins
  o Format:
    ▪ Listening section (19 questions)
    ▪ Reading section (11 questions)
    ▪ Grammar section (44 questions)
    ▪ Short Interview in Russian (scheduled later)
  o Exam Access Contact: CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
  o Verification Process: All student scores/placement will be verified by the department. Please contact the
    individual listed below to verify your exam score and placement through a short (10-min) Zoom
    interview.
  o Verification Contact: Larysa Stepanova

• Somali
  o Testing Time: 60 mins
  o Format: 60-question multiple-choice exam
  o Exam Access Contact: CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
  o No verification required.

• Swahili
  o Testing Time: 60 mins
  o Format: 100-question multiple-choice exam
  o Exam Access Contact: CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
  o Verification Process: Verification is required for anyone who places out of Swahili 1103.
  o Verification Contact: Salome Fouts

Questions? Please email: cllc@osu.edu

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