

CLLC Carmen Placement Testing Instructions

The following language placement tests are available through OSU's Carmen Platform: Arabic, ASL, Hebrew, Italian, Korean, Latin, Russian, Somali, and 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 need a device, you can request an iPad from ODEE by filling out the form located [here](#). 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

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

American Sign Language (ASL)

- **Testing Time:** 45 minutes
- **Format:** 9 questions; watch the recorded question and then record and upload your response using ASL
- **Verification Process:** All student responses will be evaluated by the department; this process may take a few days to complete
- **Exam Access/Verification Contact:** [Tia Jones](#)

Hebrew

- **Testing Time:** 75 minutes
- **Format:** Multiple choice reading and listening comprehension exam
- **Exam Access Contact:** CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
- **Verification Process:** Verification for students who place out of Hebrew 1103
- **Verification Contact:** [Galit Golan](#)

Italian

- **Testing Time:** 60 minutes
- **Format:** 102 multiple choice questions
- **Exam Access Contact:** CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
- **Verification Process:** Verification is required for anyone who places out of Italian 1103
- **Verification Contact:** [April Weintritt](#)

Korean

- **Testing Time:** Approximately 60-90 minutes
- **Format:** Multiple choice reading and listening comprehension exam
- **Exam Access Contact:** CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
- **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 [here](#)

Latin

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

Russian

- **Testing Time:** 90 minutes
- **Format:** Listening (19 questions), reading (11 questions), grammar (44 questions), and a short interview in Russian (scheduled later)
- **Exam Access Contact:** CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
- **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 minute) Zoom interview
- **Verification Contact:** [Larysa Stepanova](#)

Somali

- **Testing Time:** 180 minutes
- **Format:** Multiple choice reading comprehension exam, 3 tiers (each 60 minutes)
- **Exam Access Contact:** CLLC (cllc@osu.edu)
- **Verification Process:** Verification is required for anyone who places out of Somali 1103
- **Verification Contact:** [Abdulkadir Abdulahi Abdi](#)

Swahili

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

Questions? Please email: cllc@osu.edu