



September 28, 2022

To whom it may concern:

The Ohio State University has several policies for world language placement testing. All students who studied a language in high school must take a world language placement test in that language. Preferably, students take the placement test before their freshman year of college, and it is listed as a “To-Do” item on their profiles. Ten languages have an online placement test managed by the Center for Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (CLLC): Spanish, French, German, Hebrew, Latin, Arabic, Russian, Somali, Swahili, and Italian. Other languages offered at OSU have placement tests offered directly through the department, and for languages not offered at OSU there is a testing system in place. The current policy states that students receive EM credit for the courses that they place out of through the placement test. For example, if a student is placed into Spanish 1102, they enroll directly into 1102 and receive EM credit on their transcript for 1101. The majority of placement tests place students into a maximum of either 1103 or the first 2000-level course after 1103. This means that students can earn up to 12 or even 15 credits from placement testing. Some programs require that students who place in the highest level also take a verification test in the department to confirm their placement.

The proposed change to the current policy outlined above is to no longer grant EM credit for the courses that students test out of through 1103, so that the placement test will only place a student into their world language level. For example, we propose that a student who takes the online exam and tests into Italian 1102 see their test score on their degree audit or transcript, be able to enroll in 1102 having “fulfilled” the prerequisite of 1101, but not get 4 EM credit hours for 1101 on their transcript. Students will still be able to fulfill their world language requirement through placement testing. In the case of the College of Arts and Sciences, which has a requirement of completing course work or demonstrating proficiency through the third language course (1103) or equivalent in a world language, students placing out of 1103 will not be required to take any more world language courses should they choose not to.

However, with this proposal, departments may choose to still give EM tests for higher-level courses or as a mechanism for movement in lower-level courses after taking the placement test. This will be for students who contest their placement test score in departments that offer EM tests for lower levels and can therefore give an EM test for those levels. Additionally, if a department's placement test continues beyond placement in 2202, the student is eligible for EM credit for any classes placed out of not including 1101-1103. Students can still achieve EM credit through EM tests that the department provides should they choose to do so.

There are several rationales for this change. Firstly, online placement tests are not robust enough to test all the skills that should be attained through college courses. Placement tests typically test grammar, vocabulary and reading skills, but speaking and writing would have to be graded manually and are therefore too labor-intensive for large numbers of students. Secondly, this change provides relief administratively since all EM credit forms can only be completed manually. The third rationale is the positive pedagogical impact since students will use the credit hours elsewhere in the GE and/or their majors/minors to enhance their education. The fourth reason is that, since native speakers and speakers of languages not offered at OSU currently cannot receive credit for their language skills, no longer granting credit for placement tests creates a more equitable system for all. Finally, other placement tests at OSU, such as those in the Math Department, are used solely for placement and do not grant credit. In addition, no other Big Ten school offers credit for placement tests. In some cases, such as Purdue and the University of Nebraska, students can receive retroactive credit after performing well in the level they were placed into. The consensus from Big 10 schools, other than OSU, is that the world language placement test gives students a placement, not credit.

In order to implement this change, the expectation is that placement test results will be posted to SIS indicating the course into which the student has been placed. The ultimate goal is for the placement test results to be on student transcripts.

Thank you for considering this proposal and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janice M. Aski,¹ Director of the Center for Languages Literatures and Cultures.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Center for Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

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To: [Aski, Janice](#); [Jacobs, Monica](#); [Grinstead, John](#); [Heller, Sarah-Grace](#); [Armstrong, Philip](#); [Fullerton, Mark](#); [Brintlinger, Angela](#); [Bender, Mark](#); [Holub, Robert C.](#); [Clopper, Cynthia](#)
Subject: Re: EM Credit and Placement Testing Proposal Concurrence
Date: Monday, August 15, 2022 3:05:59 PM

Dear Monica,

I give concurrence for NESAs. Janice, this petition is a very good idea for all the reasons you give.

Morgan

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Hello Monica,

I give concurrence for ASL and the African Languages.

Best,

Janice

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Agreed, concurrence from FRIT, excellent rationales in a well-worded letter. A much-needed adaptation for the current times.

Sarah-Grace Heller



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From: [Armstrong, Philip](#)
To: [Jacobs, Monica](#)
Subject: FW: EM Credit and Placement Testing Proposal Concurrence
Date: Monday, August 15, 2022 3:17:46 PM

Hi Monica

We don't have placement testing for our courses but Comparative Studies happy to offer concurrence if you need it

best

Philip

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Concur for Slavic. Thanks.

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GLL is glad to see this occurring.
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To: [Jacobs, Monica](#); [Aski, Janice](#)
Cc: [Sims, Andrea](#)
Subject: Re: EM Credit and Placement Testing Proposal Concurrence
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 2:41:57 PM

Thanks, Monica. This addition looks good to me.

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Hello,
Here is another copy with the changes specifically highlighted in yellow.
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Hello all,
Attached is a revised proposal that better explains achieving credit beyond 1101-1103. Please let me

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To: [Jacobs, Monica](#)
Subject: Re: EM Credit and Placement Testing Proposal Concurrence
Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 8:05:49 AM

Yes, and I am sorry to be a day late but the Classics dept does, definitely, support this change.

Mark

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Hello Mark,

If a department would like to do further testing (beyond the placement test) they can do so for EM credit. This means the student could earn EM credit for higher levels. For example, Spanish has an EM test that tests above the 2202 level and grants credit hours. Most placement tests only test to 1103, meaning the highest a student can place is out of 1103. This proposal impacts those beginner level classes where they would not receive credit hours for what levels are tested by the placement test. Does that clarify?

Best,

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Hi Monica,

Sorry for not following this up sooner. I am, to an extent, still trying to get up to speed.

My only question, the answer to which may be in the document, but I don't see it, is whether

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Thanks so much!

Now that you've clarified the parts in yellow, Janice, I remembered that Mike Mara, who oversees our EM testing, must be tracking and sending these credits on to the different colleges for posting. So, sorry about that! There are so many moving parts. So, I guess my questions are related to what the overall process and pieces will end up being, but I'm sure you'll be able to clarify all this with chairs and LPDs later down the road. For now, I won't worry about it then!

I really appreciate your willingness to collect feedback from us and make tweaks to the proposal.

Best, Holly

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