Language Placement Advising Best Practices – 2023  
  
Key contacts:

* Student Success Resource Center Support: [HSS.StudentSuccess@unco.edu](mailto:HSS.StudentSuccess@unco.edu) [Lucas.McCamon@unco.edu](mailto:lucas.mccamon@unco.edu) or [Paige.Johnsen@unco.edu](mailto:Paige.johnsen@unco.edu) (or respective Teams chats)
* Department of World Languages and Cultures Support: Dr. Don Holman [Donald.Holman@unco.edu](mailto:donald.holman@unco.edu)
* Information about Language Placement can also be found on the World Languages and Cultures website: <https://www.unco.edu/hss/world-languages-cultures/students/placement-guidelines/>

**The guidelines below apply to students that are wishing to register for a course above the introductory level in Spanish, Chinese, or Japanese. If a student is interested in beginning with  
SPAN 100, CHIN 101, or JAPN 101, no placement test is required.** If a student is interested in registering for a class in American Sign Language (ASL), their department is housed in the College of Educational and Behavioral Sciences (CEBS) and has different procedures for placement. [The ASLIS webpage](https://www.unco.edu/cebs/asl-interpreting/) has more information about programs and useful contacts.

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|  | **Spanish** | **Chinese** | **Japanese** |
| **How do I take the test?** | Create an account and take the exam (10-15 minutes) via [Emmersion Learning](https://emmersion.ai/) | Create an account and take the exam (10-15 minutes) via [Emmersion Learning](https://emmersion.ai/) | Contact Dr. Donald Holman ([donald.holman@unco.edu](mailto:donald.holman@unco.edu)) for further steps |
| **What happens after I get my placement score?** | Send the placement score to [HSS.studentsuccess@unco.edu](https://uncoedu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/lucas_mccamon_unco_edu/Documents/Microsoft%20Teams%20Chat%20Files/HSS.studentsuccess@unco.edu) or have an advisor reach out to Lucas McCamon to complete the manual override allowance | Send the placement score to [HSS.studentsuccess@unco.edu](https://uncoedu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/lucas_mccamon_unco_edu/Documents/Microsoft%20Teams%20Chat%20Files/HSS.studentsuccess@unco.edu) or have an advisor reach out to Lucas McCamon to complete the manual override allowance | Have an advisor or Dr. Holman reach out to Lucas McCamon to complete the manual override allowance |

FAQ:

* I know UNC has offered French or German courses in the past. What about those classes?  
  There are no placement-eligible French or German courses being offered in the 23-24 AY.
* What if I need to re-take the placement test for some reason?

This is possible dependent on circumstances. Message [HSS.StudentSuccess@unco.edu](mailto:HSS.StudentSuccess@unco.edu) for help.

* I have transfer/AP/IB/CLEP credit or already have studied/have fluency in another language in some capacity. Do I still need to take the placement test?  
  Students are still welcome to take the placement exam, especially if they want feedback on the appropriate level of study based on their current skills. If appropriate prerequisite credit appears on their academic transcript from prior study, the student should be able to register without a placement test. If you encounter difficulties, message [HSS.StudentSuccess@unco.edu](mailto:HSS.StudentSuccess@unco.edu) for help.
* Are there any other important changes for this academic year?  
  **Yes!** The sequence of Spanish courses has changed with Introductory Spanish **SPAN 100** (3 credits) and Intermediate Low Spanish **SPAN 200** (3 credits) being offered for the first time this Fall. The general sequence of Spanish coursework if a student begins with Introductory Spanish (SPAN 100) as of FA 23 will be **100** -> **200** -> 201 -> 202 -> 301