

HOWARD UNIVERISTY

Language Placement Examination Information (LPE)

The Language Placement Examination (LPE) is administered to every student who has a language requirement for their Major.

The LPE is administered through AVANT's Placement Assessment program. AVANT's Placement Assessment is a web-based, artificially intelligent assessment and learning system that quickly and accurately assesses a student's level of language proficiency in *Arabic, Chinese (Traditional and simplified), Spanish, French, German, and Japanese*. AVANT provides the advantages of grouping and placing students, 24/7, from any web-based computer. AVANT's Placement Assessments are quick, convenient, and engage students with real-world content in Reading, Contextualized Grammar, Writing, and Speaking.

The LPE must be taken prior to enrollment/registration, or no later than the first week of class. Exceptions can be made through Study Abroad, Transferred Credits, and/or further placement testing.

All language courses must be taken in proper sequence (e.g. "Language" 001, "Language" 002, "Language" 003, "Language" 004).

Exemptions from foreign language requirement will be made based on proctored placement examination taken on site at Howard University.

The LPE results will determine language course eligibility and placement. Academic Advisers will be available during New Student Orientation to answer questions regarding program requirements.

Students meeting the following criteria are exempt from the Language Placement Exam:

- Score of "3" on the Advance Placement (AP) **Target Language exam** – eligible to enroll in "Language" 004.
- Score of "4" or "5" on the Advance Placement (AP) **Target Language exam** – exempt from lower language courses (e.g. 001, 002, 003, 004) and eligible to enroll in Major/Minor sequence courses.
- Score of "5" on the Advance Placement (AP) **Target Language exam** – eligible to enroll in Major/Minor sequence courses.

The LPE results are valid for one academic years (two semesters).

The department of World Languages and Cultures has the right of final approval of the accuracy of placement (i.e. deciding if the case is too high or too low).

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Selected Howard University Language Courses

The first column indicates the score from the AVANT exam. The second column represents the University course equivalence to the AVANT score. The third column is a description of the University course.

AVANT SCORE	UNIVERSITY LEVELS	DESCRIPTION OF LEVELS
6	Major/Minor sequence courses	Advanced-High , Students show a strong level of proficiency and are eligible to take Major/Minor sequence courses.
5	Language 004	Advanced-Low , Students who have completed two to three years of university-level language study and have basic understanding of grammar/vocabulary, able to benefit from content-based instruction in language and culture.
4	Language 003	Intermediate , Students who have completed one to two years of university-level language study and have basic understanding of grammar/vocabulary, able to benefit from content-based instruction in language and culture. Review of writing and speaking responses is recommended to make accurate placement decisions.
3	Language 002	Intermediate-Low , Students who show some competency or who have extended previous experience studying the language (3-4 years at the high school level, or limited travel abroad).
2	Language 001	Novice-High , typically students who start language study from scratch with some exposure to the language.
1	Language 001	Novice-Low , typically students who start language study from scratch with no previous exposure to the language.
0	Student cannot enroll in Language Course. Must re-take the examination.	Student did not finish the examination

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