Departmental Meetings and Placement Information
Listed below are departments and programs that require a placement test, pre-registration for a specific section of a large course, or consultation with a placement officer. Additional information can be found in Yale College Programs of Study and in the “Programs of Study” section of the Class of 2019 Web site. If you have specific questions, you may direct them to your residential college dean or freshman counselor during freshman orientation. In addition, directors of undergraduate studies, departmental advisers, and departmental representatives will be available at the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1, from 2 to 3:30 P.M.

**African Languages**
Call 203-432-0110 for times and locations of placement examinations in African languages.

**Art**
On Tuesday, September 1, from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., in Holcombe T. Green Hall, 1156 Chapel Street, the director of undergraduate studies and members of the Art faculty will be present to speak to students about course selection and other matters pertaining to the Art department. Students wishing to elect Art courses are advised to go to the first class meeting. The Art department will also participate in the Academic Fair on the same date.

**Astronomy**
On Thursday, September 3, from 6:45 to 8 P.M., the Astronomy department is hosting a kick-off meeting for undergraduates interested in astronomy and astrophysics. The program will include an update on the Astrophysics major, undergraduate summer research presentations, and a sci-fi movie. Leitner Family Observatory and Planetarium (335 Prospect Street, on the Yale Blue Shuttle line). Desserts and snacks will be served.

**Biological Sciences and Biomedical Engineering**
Prospective majors in the biological sciences and other students who would like a thorough introduction to biology should take the introductory sequence BIOL 101–104, which provides a solid foundation in modern biological science. These courses are prerequisite to all majors in the biological sciences and to the major in Biomedical Engineering. Students with advanced preparation from high school may be eligible to place out of one or more of these modules only if they have received a score of 5 on the AP Biology exam (or its equivalent on other national standardized exams), and if they demonstrate adequate proficiency on the biological sciences placement examination. Information about the administration of this exam is posted at yalecollege.yale.edu/biology-1. All affiliated departments will participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1.
On Monday, August 31, from 9 to 10.15 a.m. in room 110, Sterling Chemistry Laboratory, the director of undergraduate studies will be on hand to introduce the various lecture and lab courses and to describe the placement process. This meeting is open to all, but will be of particular interest to prospective science and engineering majors.

The placement of entering students in general chemistry is determined primarily on the basis of admissions and preregistration data. Initial placement information will be available in late August on the Chem Placement 2015 site at classesv2@yale.edu.

Entrance to more advanced courses is determined through the use of a departmental placement examination. All freshmen requesting to raise their placement level in general chemistry courses or wishing to enroll in organic or physical chemistry must take a departmental placement examination at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, August 31, in room 110, Sterling Chemistry Laboratory. Students with unavoidable schedule conflicts may attend a makeup registration and examination at 9 a.m. in room 110, Sterling Chemistry Laboratory, on Tuesday, September 1. Ninety minutes should be set aside for the examination. Students should bring a nonprogrammable, nongraphing calculator and several #2 pencils with them to the examination. Revised placement information will be available through links on the Chem Placement 2015 site at classesv2@yale.edu late in the day on Tuesday, September 1, allowing students to check their placement prior to attending the first regularly scheduled class meeting.

Students who believe they have been incorrectly placed may consult a Chemistry placement adviser. Advisers will be present in room 1, Sterling Chemistry Laboratory, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday, August 31 through September 4. The Chemistry department will also participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1.

Information about registration for laboratory sections is provided for each laboratory course in Online Course Information (OCI).

There are no placement examinations in Greek or Latin. Students seeking advice about the course appropriate for them should consult with the director of undergraduate studies, Professor Pauline LeVen (pauline.leven@yale.edu). Registration is required for LATN 110 and will be held during the Academic Fair in Linsly-Chittenden Hall on Tuesday, September 1, 2–3.30 p.m. Professors from the Classics department will be on hand at the Academic Fair to discuss the full range of Greek and Latin language and literature courses.
All freshmen interested in taking courses in Classical Civilization (including ancient Greek and Roman art and archaeology, ancient Greek, Roman, and comparative Mediterranean history, and Greek and Roman philosophy) are warmly invited to attend the Academic Fair, Tuesday, September 1, to discuss course selection with faculty members.

Directed Studies

On Monday, August 31, from 1 to 2 p.m., there will be an informal meet-and-greet session hosted by the Directed Studies Ambassadors, former students who are happy to speak about their experiences in DS. The director of undergraduate studies, Kathryn Slanski, will also be there.

On Tuesday, September 1, from 11 a.m. to noon, there will be a meeting for admitted students and Directed Studies faculty in the Whitney Humanities Center Auditorium. Seminar schedules will be distributed and the director of undergraduate studies will be available for consultation. Students on the wait list and students interested in the program and registering for the wait list should attend this meeting.

East Asian Languages

Students who have studied Chinese, Japanese, or Korean before and who wish to continue their studies at Yale are required to complete placement examinations to determine proper placement. The first part of this exam should be completed online between July 1 and August 15, through links available at eall.yale.edu/academics/language-programs. Fifteen-minute oral interviews will be conducted on campus on Sunday, August 30, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Economics

All incoming freshmen receive a customized recommendation in early August about the best starting point for the study of economics at Yale. This recommendation is based on AP scores for economics and calculus, as well as IB and GCE scores.

In general, students who receive a 5 on the Microeconomics or Macroeconomics AP exam and a 5 on the Calculus BC exam are allowed to place out of the corresponding introductory course and instead enroll in intermediate-level courses (ECON 121 or 125 for microeconomics, ECON 122 or 126 for macroeconomics). Freshmen who have the requisite economics AP score but not the AP calculus score may take calculus (e.g., MATH 115, 118, or 120) and then place out of the corresponding introductory economics class. Students may substitute a score of 7 on the International Baccalaureate higher-level economics examination or A on the GCE A-level economics examination for AP test scores in economics.

In addition, a score of 7 on the International Baccalaureate higher-level
mathematics examination or A on the GCE A-level mathematics examination may be substituted for the AP calculus score.

All other students must take the introductory courses. There is no placement examination.

ECON 108, 110, and 111 are limited-enrollment alternatives to ECON 115 and 116, and preregistration is required. View preregistration information at economics.yale.edu/undergraduate-program.

More details about the process are on the department of Economics Web site: economics.yale.edu/undergraduate/freshmen-placement.

The Economics department will participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1.

An address for students interested in engineering and computer science will be given in SSS 114, 1 Prospect Street, on Tuesday, September 1, from 11 a.m. to noon. The engineering and computer science departments will also participate in the Academic Fair on the same date.

All students who wish to enroll in an introductory English course must preregister on line on Monday, August 31, between 9 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Details about the preregistration process will be available at yalecollege.yale.edu/new-students/class-2019/academic-information/special-programs-placement-and-preregistration. Information about placement and courses available to freshmen can be found under English in the “Programs of Study” section of the Class of 2019 Web site.

A departmental representative will be present on Monday, August 31, between 9 A.M. and noon in room 101, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, to answer questions about selection of English courses. The English department will also participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1.

The French placement examination will be administered on line from July 1 through August 15. Information about the examination is posted on the French department Web site at french.yale.edu/academics/placement-and-registration. Please note that all students who have ever studied French before, whether formally or informally, and who wish to enroll in a French course, must take the placement examination. Students who demonstrate advanced proficiency through high scores on a standardized examination (e.g., AP or IB) are eligible to enroll directly in L5 French courses, but they should still take the placement examination to determine which L5 course they should take (FREN 150, 160, 170, or higher). Consult the departmental Web site for additional information.
The departmental Web site will also provide information on how to pre-register for a section of FREN 110, 121, 130, or 140. Online preregistration will take place on Monday, August 31, from 9 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Students who have not studied French before will automatically be placed into FREN 110. Students who have questions about their placement should speak with advisers from the French department during the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1.

**German**

Students who have previously studied German formally or informally are required to take the German placement exam. This exam will help determine which German class best fits each student’s background. Placement can be adjusted at the beginning of the semester if the student or the instructor feels that it is inopportune. The German placement examination will be administered online from July 1 through August 15. Students will find the link to the German placement exam on the departmental Web site, german.yale.edu, under News, or at german.yale.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/language-program/placement-test. Once the placement test has been completed, students may preregister for German courses. Information about the preregistration process is listed on the departmental Web site. Students who have demonstrated advanced proficiency by a score of 5 on the AP German exam are eligible to enroll directly in L5 German courses. Students who are beginners with no prior knowledge of German do not need to take the placement exam but may preregister for any German L1 class. The German department will also participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1. See german.yale.edu for updates and more information.

**Italian**

The Italian placement examination will be administered online from July 1 through August 15. Information about the examination is posted on the Italian department Web site at http://italian.yale.edu/undergraduate/placement-testing.

Please note that all students who have ever studied Italian before, whether formally or informally, and who wish to enroll in an Italian course must take the placement examination. In addition, you will be required to take an oral test. You will be contacted directly by the language program director to set up a time to meet.

Students who demonstrate advanced proficiency through high scores on a standardized examination (e.g., AP or IB) are eligible to enroll directly in L5 Italian courses, but they should still take the placement examination to determine which L5 course they should take (ITAL 150, 160, 170,
or higher). The departmental Web site will also provide information on how to preregister for a section of ITAL 110, 120, 130, 140, or 150. Online preregistration will take place on Monday, August 31, from 9 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Students who have not studied Italian before will be placed automatically into ITAL 110. Students who have questions about their placement should speak with advisers from the Italian department during the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1.

**Mathematics**

All students planning to enroll in one of the introductory calculus courses (MATH 112, 115, or 120) are required to take an online placement examination, which can be found at math.yale.edu/undergrad/placement-exam. After completing the examination, students will immediately receive an automated placement into MATH 112, 115, or 120. Students who have questions about their results should come to the Math Placement Advising Session on Monday, August 31, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. in room 432, Dunham Laboratory, 10 Hillhouse Avenue. Online preregistration for sections of MATH 112, 115, or 120 will take place on Monday, August 31, from 9 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. The Mathematics department will participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1.

**Music**

Students seeking admission to MUSI 205, 210, or 211 must take a placement examination on Monday, August 31, at 3 P.M. A makeup examination will be administered on Tuesday, September 1, at 9 A.M. Both examinations will be held in room 119, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street. The Music department will participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1.

Students interested in taking individual vocal or instrumental instruction, either for credit in MUSI 360 or for a fee, must sign up on line for an audition at music.yale.edu/study/music-lessons. Information on auditions is available on the same site. Please note that no auditions are held in January.

Some music courses are open by audition only. Students who wish to enroll in music performance courses should sign up for auditions at the department of Music, 469 College Street. For more information on auditions, see yale.edu/oci for each of the courses listed below:

MUSI 220 and 221, The Performance of Chamber Music
MUSI 222, The Performance of Vocal Music
MUSI 223, The Performance of Early Music
MUSI 224 and 229, The Performance of Musical Theater I and II
The Arabic placement exam will be available online from July 1 to August 15. The interview portion of the Arabic placement exam will be held from 10 A.M. to noon on Monday, August 31, in HGS B64, 320 York Street. The Hebrew placement exam will be held from 9:30 to 11:45 A.M. on Sunday, August 30, at the Center for Language Study, Room 420, 370 Temple Street.

Entering freshmen who have some knowledge of Persian or Turkish should contact Farkhondeh Shayesteh at farkhondeh.shayesteh@yale.edu (Persian) or Etem Erol at etem.erol@yale.edu (Turkish) to arrange to take a placement examination.

Students with questions may go to the NELC office in room 314, Hall of Graduate Studies, or call 203-432-2944 for assistance.

On Monday, August 31, from 9 to 10:15 A.M. in room 110, Sterling Chemistry Laboratory, the director of undergraduate studies will be on hand to introduce the various lecture and lab courses in physics and to describe the placement process. This meeting is open to all, but will be of particular interest to prospective science and engineering majors.

The Physics department will also participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1.

No preregistration is required for Portuguese courses, although students with any previous knowledge of Portuguese should take the Portuguese placement test, available on Sunday, August 30, from 10 A.M. to noon, before enrolling in a course. Please check the Spanish and Portuguese department Web site, span-port.yale.edu, for information about the placement test. An information session will be held at the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1, for students who intend to begin or continue their study of Portuguese.

Students who have previously studied Russian formally or informally are required to take the Russian placement exam. This exam will help determine which Russian course best fits each student’s background. The Russian placement exam will be administered online from July 1 through August 15. Students will find the link to the Russian online placement exam on the Slavic department Web site, slavic.yale.edu. Contact the language coordinator, Irina Dolgova, for information about placement and preregistration. She may be reached via e-mail at irina.dolgova@yale.edu or by telephone at 203-432-1307. Entering freshmen who have some knowledge of Czech or Polish should contact Krystyna Ilkakowicz at krystyna.illakowicz@yale.edu (Polish) or Karen
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von Kunes at karen.vonkunes@yale.edu (Czech) to arrange to take a placement examination. An orientation meeting will be held at the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1.

Vietnamese and Indonesian placement examinations will take place by appointment in room 311, Luce Hall, during the week of August 31. For Vietnamese, call 203-432-5097 or e-mail quang.van@yale.edu; for Indonesian, call 203-436-4192 or e-mail indriyo.sukmono@yale.edu. For additional information, e-mail seas@yale.edu after August 1. Southeast Asia Studies will participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, September 1.

The Spanish placement examination will be administered online from July 1 through August 15. Information about the examination is posted on the Spanish and Portuguese department website at span-port.yale.edu.

Please note that all students, including native speakers, who have ever studied Spanish, whether formally or informally, and who wish to enroll in a Spanish course, must take the placement examination. Students who demonstrate advanced proficiency through high scores on a standardized examination (e.g., AP or IB) may be eligible to enroll directly in L5 Spanish courses. Consult the departmental Web site for additional information.

The departmental Web site will also provide information on how to preregister for a section of a Spanish language course in levels L1 to L4 (SPAN 110, 120, 130, or 140). Online preregistration will take place on Monday, August 31, from 9 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

A brief information session will be held on Tuesday, September 1, from 2 to 2:15 P.M. in room 102, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, for students who intend to begin or continue their study of Spanish.