Departmental Meetings and Placement Information
Listed below are departments and programs that require a placement test, preregistration for a specific section of a large course, or consultation with a placement officer. Additional information can be found in the Yale College Programs of Study and under the “Programs of Study” section of the Class of 2017 website. 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, August 26.

**African Languages**

Call 203.432.0110 for times and locations of placement examinations in African languages.

**Art**

On Tuesday, August 26, 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 art. Students wishing to elect art courses are advised to go to the first class meeting. The Art department will participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, August 26.

**Astronomy**

On Thursday, August 28, from 6:45 to 8 P.M., the Astronomy department is hosting a “kick-off” meeting and movie night for undergrads with an interest in astronomy and astrophysics at the on-campus Leitner Family Observatory and Planetarium (335 Prospect St., which is easily walkable and also on the Yale Shuttle line). Desserts/snacks will be served.

The program will include an update on the astrophysics major, undergraduate summer research presentations, and a scifi movie night. Please join us!

**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 http://yalecollege.yale.edu/biology-1. All affiliated departments will participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, August 26.
On Monday, August 25, 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. In addition, the associate dean for science education and other directors of undergraduate studies will be present to answer general questions. 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 2014 site on classes*v2.

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 25, 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, August 26. Two hours 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 2014 site on classes*v2 late in the day on Tuesday, August 26, thereby 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 25 through August 29. The Chemistry department will also participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, August 26.

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; office hours will be posted in Phelps Hall. Registration is required for LATN 110 and will be held during the Academic Fair in Linsly-Chittenden Hall on Tuesday, August 26.
Directed Studies  
On Tuesday, August 26, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., there will be a meeting of Directed Studies faculty members and admitted students in the Whitney Humanities Center Auditorium to assign students to classes and to offer a general introduction to the program. Students on the waiting list and any other student interested in the program should also 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 23, through links available at http://eall.yale.edu/academics/language-programs. Fifteen-minute oral interviews will be conducted on campus on Sunday, August 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Economics  
Students who scored 5 on the AP test for microeconomics and/or macroeconomics and 5 on the AP Calculus BC test may petition the director of undergraduate studies to place out of the introductory courses and to enroll directly in intermediate economics. Students who have high scores on examinations that are equivalent to the AP tests, such as the GCE A-level or Higher Level IB, may also be eligible. All other students must take the introductory courses. There is no placement examination. In early August, all students will be notified by e-mail of their eligibility status.

ECON 108, 110, and 111 are limited-enrollment alternatives to ECON 115 and 116, and preregistration is required. View preregistration information at www.econ.yale.edu/undergrad/ugrad.htm.

The Economics department will participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, August 26.

Engineering  
A meeting for students interested in engineering will be held on Tuesday, August 26, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Davies Auditorium, Becton Center. The engineering departments will also participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, August 26.

English  
All students who wish to enroll in an introductory English course must preregister on line on Monday, August 25, between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Details about the preregistration process will be included on the website at http://yalecollege.yale.edu/new-students/class-2018/general-academic-information/special-academic-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 2018 website.
A departmental representative will be present on Monday, August 25, between 9 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, August 26.

**French**

The French placement examination will be administered online from July 1 through August 15. Information about the examination is posted on the French department website at french.yale.edu/language-placement-exam-and-pre-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 (e.g., FREN 150, 160, 170, or higher). Consult the departmental website for additional information.

The departmental website will also provide information on how to pre-register for a section of FREN 110, 120, 130, 140, and 150. Online preregistration will take place on Monday, August 25, from 4:30 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, August 26.

**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 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 German Department website, http://german.yale.edu, under News, or at http://german.yale.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/language-program/placement-test. Once the placement test has been completed, students may pre-register for German courses. Information about the pre-registration process is listed on the departmental website. 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 pre-register for any German L1 class. The German department
will also participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, August 26. See www.yale.edu/german for updates and more information.

**Italian**
There will be a placement examination in Italian on Tuesday, August 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. in room 317, Linsly-Chittenden Hall. The Italian department will participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, August 26.

**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 25, 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 25, from 4.30 to 7.30 P.M. The Mathematics department will participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, August 26.

**Music**
Students seeking admission to MUSI 205, 210, or 211 must take a placement examination on Monday, August 25, at 3 p.m. A makeup examination will be administered on Tuesday, August 26, at 9 A.M. Both examinations will be held in room 119, William L. Harkness Hall. The Music department will participate in the Academic Fair on Tuesday, August 26.

Students interested in taking individual vocal or instrumental instruction, either for credit in MUSI 360 or for a fee, must sign up online for an audition at http://yalemusic.yale.edu/current-news-and-events. Information on auditions is available on the same web 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, 143 Elm Street. For more information on auditions, see www.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 228, Musical Theater Performance I
Placement examinations in Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish will be held on Tuesday, August 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. The examination locations are Arabic, HGS B-66; Hebrew, HGS 301; Persian, HGS 302; and Turkish, HGS 313. 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 25, 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. In addition, the associate dean for science education and other directors of undergraduate studies will be present to answer general questions. 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, August 26.

No preregistration is required for Portuguese courses, although students with any previous knowledge of Portuguese should take the online Portuguese placement test, available from July 1 at 9 A.M. to August 15 at 9 P.M., before enrolling in a course. Please check the Spanish and Portuguese department website, http://span-port.yale.edu, for information about the placement test. An information session will be held at the Academic Fair on Tuesday, August 26, for students who intend to begin or continue their study of Portuguese.

On Tuesday, August 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Hall of Graduate Studies, a departmental placement examination will be given in Czech (HGS 217B), Polish (HGS 220B), and Russian (HGS 221). Entering freshmen who have some knowledge of Czech, Polish, or Russian should take this placement examination. Contact the language coordinator, Irina Dolgova, for information about placement and preregistration and for information about other Slavic languages. She may be reached via e-mail at irina.dolgova@yale.edu or by telephone at 203.432.1307. An orientation meeting will be held at the Academic Fair from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26.

Vietnamese and Indonesian placement examinations will take place by appointment in room 311, Luce Hall, during the week of August 25. 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, August 26.

The Spanish placement examination will be administered on line from July 1 through August 15. Information about the examination is posted on the Spanish and Portuguese department website at http://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 website for additional information.

The departmental website will also provide information on how to pre-register for a section of a Spanish language course in levels L1 to L4 (SPAN 110, 120, 130 140). Online preregistration will take place on Monday, August 25, from 9 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

An information session will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 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.