

NCF French Language Placement Process

Bonjour and welcome! This placement process is for students who are new to French at NCF in Fall 2024.

We are looking forward to meeting you and to helping you start or continue your studies of French at NCF. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about all our program has to offer.

Students with (no more than) 1 year of high school/1 semester of college French, sign up for Elementary French I. You do not need to complete the placement process.

Students with more than 1 year of high school/ 1 semester of college French, should take the online placement test, which is the START of our process. See below.

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Our placement process has 2 steps: first an on-line test (no, you do not need to study for it; it's multiple choice); this will give us a sense of your likely placement. Starting in mid-July, all students who've taken the placement test will receive an email asking for additional information; those who score 250+ on the WebCAPE will be invited to complete a short writing assessment to help make sure you're in the right class. Once you do that, you can put the 'right' course on your Fall contract. We can, of course, make adjustments at the start of the fall semester, too.

WebCAPE Online Placement Test : Please take this test by July 10 for best placement.

- Go to: [French reading/grammar](#)

You will be asked to give your email (user name) and to create a password. The system will also ask your name and a few questions about your previous study of French. The test will take 15-30 minutes. Please take the test only once. Make a note of your score.

In general, we find that the following scores & past study suggest these placements:

Level	Years High School / Semesters College French Study	WebCAPE Score Range	Faculty Evaluation of Writing Assessment
Elementary I	0-3	0-299	Elementary I
Intermediate I	2-4	300-450	Intermediate I
Advanced I	4+ / AP score = 4 or 5	425-650	Advanced I
Literature in French	French-educated	650+	Literature in French

Adjustment for Romance Language Speakers: Speakers of Spanish or other Romance languages may earn artificially high WebCAPE scores. In that case, the writing assessment and years of French study will be better indicators.