

Smith College - Department of French Studies

French Placement Test

The Department of French Studies offers an online placement test to assess students' proficiency in understanding spoken French as well as in reading and writing. The online placement test is accessible on Moodle.

The placement test consists of short grammar exercises, a dictation and a reading comprehension exercise. The test is followed by a brief questionnaire in English. Please be sure to provide all of the information requested in the questionnaire. Your responses will help us to determine your placement more accurately.

Students who have studied French for one year or longer should take this test. Students who have taken the ETS Achievement and/or Advanced Placement tests will find among the materials provided to their advisers recommended placement in language or literature courses based on their scores. **EVEN IF YOU HAVE TAKEN THESE TESTS, WE ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS TO TAKE OUR PLACEMENT TEST, AS IT WILL HELP THE DEPARTMENT TO ADVISE STUDENTS ABOUT COURSE SELECTION.**

This test is designed to place students at all levels. **This means that we don't expect all of you to complete the entire test, or all of each exercise. Do as much of each exercise as you can, then move on to the next one.** If you have time at the end, **you may go back to make changes and/or additions.** You will find a quiz navigation block on the left side of the window.

Remember that this test is not graded and is not part of your record! It is for diagnostic purposes only.

This placement test must represent your own work and is taken in accordance with Smith College's Academic Honor Code. You may not use dictionaries, textbooks, or any other resources to aid you during the test. **Each student may take the test only once. The time limit is one hour** with a submission grace period of 10 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The placement test is accessible on Moodle. Click on this link to go to the French placement test course:
<https://moodle.smith.edu/course/view.php?id=5777>
You can login to Moodle using your Smith ID and password. Follow that link and then click on the "Enroll me" button near the bottom of the screen in order to enroll in the course. The clock will start running when you click on the link "French Placement Test-Smith College" and then on "Attempt quiz now" near the bottom of the next screen. The completion of the questionnaire is included in the one-hour time limit.
2. When you have completed the test, click on "Submit all and finish."

Typing French accents on a Mac keyboard:

é --> Hold **Option** key and **e** then **e**

è, à, ù --> Hold **Option** key and ` (to the left of 1) then the vowel **e, a** or **u**

Typing French accents using Windows on a PC:

é --> Type ' (single quote) then **e**

è, à, ù --> Type ` (to the left of 1) then the vowel **e, a** or **u**