

Division of Foreign Languages

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English as a Foreign Language – Placement Test

Every student must take a placement test to determine his or her level of English. The test can be taken either as part of the Psychometric Examination, or separately (AMIR). AMIR scores are 100 points higher than in the psychometric English section. English levels should be calculated accordingly. See the section “Knowledge of English”.

The Placement Tests classify students into 5 levels:

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| 1. Fail | grades 1–84 |
| 2. Basic | grades 85–99 |
| 3. Intermediate | grades 100–119 |
| 4. Advanced | grades 120–133 |
| 5. Exempt | grade 134+ |

Validity of the Test

Scores for all English placement tests are valid for a period of ten years.

Courses

The Division offers courses in basic, intermediate and advanced level English. The courses are geared toward improving English reading skills of candidates and students, to enable them to successfully complete University language requirements.

The final date for fulfilling these requirements is determined by the individual faculties (as appears in their separate catalogues). This regulation does not apply to new immigrants from non-English speaking countries. These students are offered a pre-basic course during their first year, if they have not reached the minimum level ordinarily required for admission. These students are required to reach the Intermediate level by the beginning of their second year of studies, and complete all English requirements by the beginning of their third year.

Course Schedule

The English courses offered during the academic year are semester courses, scheduled according to the University calendar.

Courses are also offered during two summer sessions. Registration for both sessions will be held on July 2-4, 2006 at the division offices.

Courses dates will be announced at a later date.

Fees

There is a fee (in addition to tuition) for all lower, Basic and Intermediate level courses. There is no fee for Advanced level courses, provided the student has paid full tuition for the semester. There is a fee for ALL summer courses.

Additional Courses

- Writing for doctoral candidates
- English courses for graduate students at the Faculty of Business Management.

Exemption from English as a Foreign Language

Students complying with the following criteria are exempt from studying English as a foreign language:

- Candidates holding an academic degree from an accredited Israeli university (for details see the Hebrew booklet)
- Candidates who studied for at least two years at the high school level (grades 11 and 12) in an English-speaking school or at a university where the language of instruction is English and is located in an English speaking country.

Please note: A degree from a college in Israel affiliated with a foreign university **does not** grant students exemption from Tel Aviv University English requirements. Please see the section entitled "Placement Test."

Additional Languages

The Division offers courses in several foreign languages, aimed at providing students with an academic tool for study, research, and communication.

Courses are available in the following languages: Arabic, Czech, Dutch (the H. Spijker-Kok program), French, German, Italian, Israeli sign language, Ladino, Modern Greek, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish and Yiddish. These full-year courses are offered on three levels:

- Beginners – four class hours/week for the entire academic year
- Advanced – four class hours/week for the entire academic year
- Post-exemption level – between two and four hours/week for the entire academic year.

There are intensive one-year courses in French and German for students enrolled in a post-graduate program. The courses are intended for students whose department or faculty requires a second foreign language for use as a scientific tool.

Exemption Exams

Exemption exams in the foreign languages taught by the Division are given once a year at the end of August. Sample exams are available on <http://professor.co.il>. For further information, please contact the Division office.