

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

Hebrew Placement Exam Information

- Fall 2009 -

The College of Charleston requires that you complete four semesters of language study or equivalent. For general information about placement tests in the College of Charleston please consult the chapter "**College of Charleston Languages Department Policy on Placement Credit**" in the *College of Charleston 2009-2010 Undergraduate Catalog* online at

http://www.cofc.edu/catalog/undergraduate/2009-2010/information/admissions_information.html

Your placement in the Modern Hebrew classes is based on your results in (a) a written placement test and (b) an oral interview. You will be placed into the most appropriate class for your Hebrew ability.

Please be aware that your initial placement in a particular level is not necessarily permanent. If, upon starting the class, you realize that it is too easy or too challenging, we will move you into the class that best suits your ability and will best promote your effective learning of Hebrew. Please take the placement exam seriously, as it will help to minimize the chances of these moves occurring.

If your Hebrew fluency is of a higher level than our 202 class, you could place out of Hebrew and earn 12 credits in a foreign language.

However, you must take a 300 level Hebrew validation course and complete it with a C or higher before credit will be given for any of the prior courses.

Who should take the placement test and schedule an oral interview?

If you have prior Hebrew training at any level, gained either by self-teaching or from any institution other than the College of Charleston, you should take the Hebrew written placement test. If you have very little or no knowledge of Hebrew, you should enroll in the HBRW-101 class. In this case there is no need for you to take the placement test.

When and where will the placement test and the oral interview take place?

Both the written placement test and the oral interview will be administered on campus a few days before the beginning of each semester.

For the Fall 2009 semester, please plan on taking the test **on Monday, August 24th at 10:00am**. The specific location is the **Levin Library** (second floor, Room 209) at the **Sylvia Vlosky Yaschik Jewish Studies Center** at **96 Wentworth Street** (corner of Glebe St.)

The oral interviews will take place on Monday, August 24th, as well.

If you have any problem meeting at the scheduled time, please call **Zipora Wagner** at **843.225.5666**.

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What is expected to be demonstrated on the placement test?

The test is designed to check mainly composition writing, reading comprehension and mastering of grammar concepts (mostly verb conjugation). It is comprised of seven parts, and you are expected to complete as many parts as you can in 2½ hours. You may NOT use a dictionary.

In the first section you will be asked to write a short composition on one of the given topics. You will also be given a few reading passages in different levels of Hebrew and you will be required to answer the questions that follow each passage. In other sections you will be required to complete each of the given sentences with the correct grammatical form.

When and how will you find out about your placement?

You should have the results of your placement test **by the end of the day on Tuesday, August 25, 2009**. If you do not, please ask to see the Hebrew Professor, **Zipora Wagner**. Her office is on the second floor of the Jewish Studies Center, as well.

**We will make sure that you are placed in the appropriate Hebrew class.
There will be no problem placing you at that time in the registration process.**

Who to contact?

If you have any questions, please call **Zipora Wagner at 843.225.5666**.

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