Welcome to Stanford!

You have many exciting yet difficult choices ahead of you—one of them being which foreign language to pursue. Stanford language programs emphasize active and practical language skills and are designed to complement your academic interests and plans.

At [http://language.stanford.edu](http://language.stanford.edu) you’ll find information about the language courses you might want to take; goals and expectations of individual language programs; general information regarding the language requirement, including AP and SAT II cutoff scores; a description of the Language Center itself; instructions for taking a placement test in the language or languages of your choice; and links to all language department websites with information about majors and minors.

If you are thinking of continuing with a language you have already worked on, please follow the instructions in *Approaching Stanford and take your written placement test online this summer* (for Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish). Remember that this is not a test that is used to grade you. Combined with the oral test you’ll take in September during orientation, it gives us excellent information about your language skills and knowledge in order to help you make an informed decision about which language course is most right for you.

Please log in to [http://language.stanford.edu](http://language.stanford.edu) to take your online placement test according to the timetable below, corresponding to your last name:

- A–C: June 5-25
- D–F: June 29-July 9
- G–J: July 10-21
- K–M: July 22-30
- N–Q: July 31-August 6
- R–U: August 7-20
- V–Z: August 21-31

If you have technical problems while taking your placement test, you can email the webmaster: rshields@stanford.edu. For all academic questions, please email: languagecenter@stanford.edu.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

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