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 for taking your language placement test this summer* (available starting June 4 for Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish). Remember that this test is not used to grade you and will not affect your GPA. The combined results of the written and oral components of the placement test give us excellent information about your language skills and knowledge in order to determine which language course is most appropriate for you.

Please go to [http://language.stanford.edu](http://language.stanford.edu) to view instructions for taking a written and oral placement test in your chosen language. If you are taking a placement test in any of the above mentioned languages, please be sure to take the online placement test according to the timetable below, corresponding to the first letter of your last name:

- A–C: June 4-18
- D–F: June 19-July 4
- G–J: July 5-19
- K–M: July 20-August 3
- N–Q: August 3-August 12
- R–U: August 13-22
- V–Z: August 23-31

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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