TL;DR you will, at the very least, have to take the chemistry entrance exam, McCormick online math placement exam, and a McCormick physics exam by July 31.

**LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAMS**

Foreign language is not a requirement in McCormick, but is a possibility to take while you are here. If you have previously studied a language, we strongly recommend you take the placement exam for that language. If you’re on the fence right now about whether you might take a language course in the future, taking the exam now won’t hurt and will help to keep options open in the future.

If you have not previously studied a language, you do not need to take a language placement exam.

If you took a language-based AP or IB exam, you'll need to look at that language’s website for specifics on how your scores count (scores count differently across languages, or you may still be required to take a placement exam regardless of AP/IB score).

- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Greek (ancient)*
- Hebrew*
- Hindi-Urdu*
- Italian
- Japanese*
- Korean
- Latin
- Persian (Farsi)*
- Polish*
- Portuguese*
- Russian*
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Turkish*

*You will take this exam during Wildcat Welcome, not online during the summer.

Access the [online language placement exams](#) by July 31.

**CHEMISTRY ENTRANCE EXAM**

This one is required for you to take as a McCormick student. You have access to the entrance exam in your [Canvas](http://canvas.northwestern.edu) site; you can also learn more about the exam on the [Chemistry website](http://chemistry.northwestern.edu). This is due July 31.
**McCORMICK MATH PLACEMENT EXAM**

This one is also required for all incoming McCormick students (this is not applicable for transfer students), regardless of any previous AP or IB credits. Don’t worry about the Math Self-Placement Exam listed in Purple Prep, just the McCormick Math Placement Exam. More info can be found on the [McCormick new students page](#).

You must take this one by July 31 and can be found on your [McCormick Dossier](#).

**McCORMICK PHYSICS EXAM**

This exam does not determine placement, but is required by all students by July 31. This assessment gauges physics preparedness of the upcoming class. You’ll find this one in your [McCormick Dossier](#).

**PHYSICS PLACEMENT EXAM**

The general physics placement exam is one you most likely won’t need to worry about taking. However, if you are interested in advanced physics placement, you have time to chat with your advisor over the summer as this exam is not online during the summer; the physics placement exam is held during Wildcat Welcome.