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Online Language Proficiency Testing



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Test Your Language Proficiency

Testing your language proficiency can open the doors to a whole range of personal, academic, and professional opportunities. Test results, which are transcribed by the NYU School of Professional Studies, may be used by universities to grant academic credit or to award advanced placement. They also may be used for professional purposes, such as teacher certification or to establish linguistic competence for business objectives. Tests are conducted online.

The Exams

Three different exams are available to evaluate your knowledge of a language and to assign points equivalent to undergraduate or graduate credit at US colleges and universities. Dictionaries and other reference materials may not be used. These tests do not require knowledge of technical terms or specialized vocabulary.

THE 12-POINT EXAM: The 12-point exam assesses reading, writing, listening and oral proficiency. It consists of multiple-choice questions, short answers, one essay, one translation, two short audio sections, and two oral responses.

THE 16-POINT EXAM: The 16-point exam comprises the 12-point exam, as well as advanced oral and written components. In the oral component, students listen to a recorded statement in the target language, then record a maximum two-minute oral response in the target language, taking a stance on the statement and defending their point of view. The written component of the exam consists of an extended 350-word essay on a more complex topic. Students are asked to write about abstract ideas, support an argument, hypothesize, and compose longer paragraphs.

THE 4-POINT EXAM: The 4-point exam is available to those who have achieved a score of at least 8 on the 12-point exam and who wish to earn up to four additional points. The exam consists of advanced oral and written components (also components of the 16-point exam). In the oral component, students listen to a recorded statement in the target language, then record a maximum two-minute oral response in the target language, taking a stance on the statement and defending their point of view. The written component of the exam consists of an extended 350-word essay on a more complex topic. Students are asked to write about abstract ideas, support an argument, hypothesize, and compose longer paragraphs.

The amount of credit granted is at the discretion of the institution receiving the results. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss credit transfer with the institution prior to taking the exam. All test results are final and may not be appealed.



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Testing Process

Online proficiency exams are conducted throughout the year, meeting the high standards and accessibility best practices established within the WCAG Guidelines.

You will need the following to complete the test:

- High speed internet connection
- Laptop/Computer device with a camera, speakers and microphone
- Modern web browser: FireFox (latest version)

Results

An official letter containing the results of the examination will be mailed/emailed to the designated institution within two to three weeks after the test is taken. **Test results can be mailed/emailed to additional institutions for a \$15 fee each.** Students receive an unofficial copy of the letter. Please allow two extra weeks during NYU's winter break. Retesting is available at anytime, but an additional exam fee is required.

The official letter is sufficient for most institutions. Should an official transcript be required, it can be obtained from the NYU Transcript Office by calling **212-998-4280**.

Note: Official letters will not be emailed/mailed to institutions for tests that are more than three years old.

The policies stated in this brochure override those of all previous brochures. For the most up-to-date policies and exams, [please visit our website](#).

We only accept electronic forms of payment to initiate your testing registration.

Exam Fees

12-Point Exam \$579 + \$20 registration fee = \$599

16-Point Exam \$679 + \$20 registration fee = \$699

4-Point Exam \$379 + \$20 registration fee = \$399

(Students must have previously scored 8 points or higher on the 12-point exam to be eligible for the 4-point exam)

The \$20.00 registration fee is a one-time payment per semester. Refunds for exams are issued only before the end of the semester in which the test was requested. Registration fees are nonrefundable. All payments must be made in US currency. The exam fee covers one official letter sent to a designated institution and one copy for the student's records. Additional letters may be requested for \$15 per letter.

In addition to the exam and registration fees, there is an hourly proctoring fee* paid directly to our remote proctoring vendor. For the first hour of the exam, there is a charge of **\$25.00** and a charge of **\$13.50** for every additional hour, thereafter.

Refunds are only allowed for people who have not taken their exam and you must request a refund by the end date of the semester you have registered. End dates vary based on each semester and are listed on each [exam webpage](#).

*All fees and rates are subject to change





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Exams are Offered in the Following Languages:

Albanian

Arabic

Armenian

Bengali

Bulgarian

Cantonese, Simplified

Cantonese, Traditional

Dutch

French

German

Greek

Gujarati

Hebrew

Hindi

Indonesian

Italian

Japanese

Korean

Mandarin, Simplified

Mandarin, Traditional

Polish

Portuguese (Brazilian)

Russian

Spanish

Swedish

Tagalog

Turkish

Ukrainian

Urdu

Vietnamese

Yiddish

Yoruba