Examinations and Tests

Proficiency Exam

Proficiency exams are intended for students wanting to fulfill the UW Foreign Language Requirement for graduation, or seeking to remove a deficiency for the UW Foreign Language Admissions Requirement.

To arrange to take the Bosnian-Croatian-Montenegrin-Serbian (BCMS), Polish, Romanian, Russian, or Ukrainian proficiency exam, contact the OEA Testing Center. The Russian and Ukrainian exams consist only of what is given at the Testing Center. The BCMS, Polish, and Romanian proficiency exams have an additional oral component. To schedule the oral interview for one of these exams, contact

BCMS: Bojan Belić

Polish (only if you score over 80% on the written portion): Katarzyna Dziwirek

Romanian: Ileana Marin or Otilia Baraboi

PLEASE NOTE: Proficiency exams must be completed no later than the 8th week of the quarter in which you need the results. Only Russian and Ukrainian proficiency exams may be taken over the summer. No exams are administered during quarter breaks.

Placement Tests

Placement tests are intended for students who would like to continue studying a Slavic language at the UW, but do not know with which level of language they should begin.

The Russian and Ukrainian placement tests are hour-long, written exams, and may only be taken one time by a student in any given year. The test is administered online via Canvas, and results are typically available within a week. Please e-mail the Slavic Department Administrator with your UW NetID for access to the placement test.

Placement tests for BCMS may be arranged on an individual basis. Contact the Bojan Belić for details.

PLEASE NOTE: NO CREDIT is given for placement tests. The placement test is solely a tool to gauge language level, and may not be used for any other purpose (i.e., in lieu of a proficiency exam).

Credit by Exam

The Slavic Department does not offer credit by exams for any language.

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