**NYU Foreign Language Proficiency Examination Information**

Measure your proficiency of a foreign language through the language testing services offered at the NYU School of Professional Studies. The test is offered in more than 50 languages and can be used by universities to grant academic credit or to grant you advanced placement in your language of study. The test also may be used for professional purposes, such as teacher certification or to establish linguistic competence for business objectives.

Tests are given by appointment on the NYU campus or at off-site locations in the United States and abroad. New York City residents must take the test at NYU. Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis.

**We Offer Exams in the Following Languages**

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1. Call 212-998-7030

2. Be prepared to provide the following information:
   - Name
   - NYU Student ID number or passport number
   - Daytime telephone number
   - Language and number of points of the exam you wish to take (4, 12, or 16 points)

Please call at least 48 hours prior to the exam if you must cancel or reschedule. If you fail to arrive at the test site on time, your place will be given to another applicant.

3. On the day of the exam, be sure to bring:
   - Your completed registration form.
   - A photo ID, such as a driver’s license, student ID, or passport.
   - Your credit card or money order payable to New York University. We do not accept cash or personal checks and will not administer the exam without proper payment.

Test Sites

Proficiency exams are given throughout the year by appointment. The Tuesday and Saturday exams are given at the following address:

NYU Midtown Center
11 West 42nd Street, Room 1039
New York, NY 10036

Exam Fees

12-Point Exam: $350
16-Point Exam: $450
4-Point Exam: $150

Additional Fee

Registration: $20 (Payable only once per semester)
Currently, we are transitioning to a more convenient, expedited online platform that will grant access to language proficiency testing from home or school. As exams become available online, they will no longer be offered onsite. The testing process for online and onsite exams differs, so please be sure to read instructions carefully.

**Request an Off-Site Exam**

Tests may also be taken at other locations in the United States and overseas. In this case, the student must arrange to have the examination administered by a proctor who is a college faculty member, administrator, or a government or company official (e.g., a member of the human resources staff).

A letter from the proctor on letterhead stating that he/she agrees to administer the exam, along with the application and fees, should be mailed to:

**NYUSPS Foreign Languages, Translation, and Interpreting**
838 Broadway, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10003

To take the exam off-site, there is an additional postage and handling fee, which is $20 for US locations and $50 for foreign locations. Please make sure that your application includes:

- The proctor's letter.
- Your completed registration form. (Please print clearly.)
- The exam and registration fee. (This fee can be charged to a credit card or paid by money order.)
- A separate money order or certified check for the shipping and handling fee payable to New York University. (This fee cannot be charged to a credit card.)

**Please note:** Off-site exams must be returned to NYU within eight weeks of receipt of the exam.

**The Exams**

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**12-Point Exam**

The NYU School of Professional Studies Foreign Language Proficiency Exam tests three skills—listening, reading, and writing—that are necessary for everyday communicative tasks. Students are required to answer multiple-choice and short-answer questions, write one essay, translate one passage into the target language, and respond to two audio sections. Students are given two hours to complete the entire 12-point exam.

**16-Point Exam**

The 16-point exam is comprised of the 12-point exam, as well as a 350-word essay on a more complex subject. In the essay, students are required to write about abstract ideas, support an argument, hypothesize, and write in
longer paragraphs. Students are given three hours to complete the entire 16-point exam. *Please note that a perfect 12-point score on the first part of the exam is required in order for the 4-point essay portion to be graded.*

4-Point Exam

For students who elected to take the 12-point exam and later wish to be tested on the extended 350-word essay portion of the 16-point exam, we offer an additional 4-point exam. This exam is offered only to students who received a perfect score on the 12-point exam. Students are given one hour (60 minutes) to complete the 4-point exam.

*It is important to note that the actual amount of credit granted is at the discretion of the institution receiving the results. Students are strongly urged to discuss accreditation with the institution’s advisor prior to taking the exam. Exam results are valid for five years from the test date. Official letters will not be mailed to institutions for tests that are more than five years old.*

Exam Results

An official letter stipulating the results of the examination will be mailed to the designated institution up to eight weeks after the test is taken. The student will receive an unofficial copy of the letter.

Allow two extra weeks during winter break. Though the official letter is sufficient for most institutions, should an official transcript be required, it can be obtained from the NYU Transcript Office.