

**Smith College**  
**GERMAN PLACEMENT EXAM (2023-2024)**

**\*MUST BE COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th, 2023, 11:59PM\***  
The placement is available on Moodle from August 1– 16, 2023.

This placement test is not graded and is not part of your academic record! It is for diagnostic purposes only. Because students arrive at Smith with differing language experience and proficiency, there are several points of entry to German Studies courses for first-year and transfer students. All first-year and transfer students who have previously studied German take a placement exam prior to enrolling in a German language course, and are placed at the elementary (110), intermediate (200, 250/260) or advanced (300) level. Students with no previous German language instruction enroll in GER 110 (Elementary German).

The exam consists of

- a multiple choice quiz
- followed by three short essays (10-12 sentences).
  - The first two essays will give you the opportunity to show how well you can express yourself in German.
  - The third, written in English, discusses how you acquired your knowledge of German.

You can take as much time as you want, but we will take time into consideration in determining your placement. It typically takes about an hour to complete. The exam must represent your own work and must be taken in accordance with Smith College's Academic Honor Code. You may not use dictionaries, textbooks, or any other resources—online or print—to aid you during the exam. Each student may take the exam only once.

Both you and your Liberal Arts Adviser will receive the results before your advising meeting.

If you have questions or doubts, contact Professor Joel Westerdale at [jpwester@smith.edu](mailto:jpwester@smith.edu)

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Click on the link to go to the German placement test:  
<https://moodle.smith.edu/course/view.php?id=5817>
2. You can log in into *Moodle* using your Smith ID and password. Follow that link and then click on the "Enroll me" button near the bottom of the screen in order to enroll in the course.
3. **Read all instructions carefully. Remember to SUBMIT every section when you are done.**

**Viel Erfolg!**