

GERMAN PLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS – Fall 2023

Dear Prospective German Student,

We are delighted that you are interested in taking German classes at Bard. For us to determine the best level in which to place you, please complete the following three steps between now and the end of L&T at your convenience. You will need to have these materials with you for registration advising on August 31st and September 1st, make sure to have them completed before then.:

1. ***Emmersion Speaking Test***. This placement tool for your listening and speaking abilities has two parts:

In Part One, you will be asked to listen to about 30 sentences of varying difficulty and complexity. Once you hear a sentence, you will be asked to REPEAT and RECORD as much as you can remember of that sentence, and then to move on to the next sentence. No worries if you don't remember everything—this test is designed around the idea of measuring how well someone can store and retrieve Spanish sentences in their short-term memory, and based on that, estimate their speaking ability. So just concentrate and try your best!

In Part Two, you will be presented with 3 prompts depending on your level (i.e. tell us about your family, your college experience, favorite book, etc.). You will have 30 seconds to think about what you want to say, and then you will be given a minute or so to answer the prompt. Again, don't worry! Simply talk about whatever comes to mind.

2. **WebCAPE German Reading/Grammar**_ This test evaluates reading and grammar skills, by providing multiple-choice questions as a result of the answer to the previous question and thus "adapts" to the student's level of ability. WebCAPE determines a student's competency level in about 20 minutes.

Specific instructions to log on:

- Using the Chrome or Firefox web browser, click the following link to the tests <https://app.emmersion.ai/link/6772b1b109>
- Follow the instructions to sign in
- Ensure you have solid internet connectivity
- Use a headset with a microphone (earbuds that come with most mobile phones work fine) for the **Speaking Test**
- RELAX

3. Finally, an in-person meeting with me. During Registration Advising (Thursday, August 31st and Friday, September 1st. Just email me: twild@bard.edu .

For now, you can work on your placement materials!

Best wishes, Thomas Wild