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Dear future Antiochian,

Congratulations on your admission to Antioch College!

My name is Dean Snyder, and I serve as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. In this role, I help manage our curriculum, classes, and the overall academic experience of the college. Academics at Antioch are distinct: we have interdisciplinary majors, experiential learning is central to our academic mission, and social justice is elevated throughout our curriculum. If you have any questions about Antioch's academics, feel free to email me, anytime, at [dsnyder@antiochcollege.edu](mailto:dsnyder@antiochcollege.edu).

The Antioch College faculty are excited to meet you during new student orientation in January. In the meantime, I wanted to alert you to an important part of your transition to Antioch: placement testing for quantitative reasoning, writing, and foreign language.

Placement testing helps us set you up for success to meet our quantitative reasoning, writing, and foreign language requirements. The first step in the placement testing process is for you to complete this survey (linked [here](#)) as soon as possible. It contains important information questions regarding your experience in each of these areas, as well as your scheduling preferences. More information about each placement test is listed below. There is not a time for

### **Quantitative Reasoning**

Contact: Amy Osborne, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning [aosborne@antiochcollege.edu](mailto:aosborne@antiochcollege.edu)

Description: Antioch College administers a proctored placement assessment through the ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces) System. ALEKS is a web-based learning system that uses adaptive questioning to determine your level of readiness in mathematics.

Instructions: Go to [www.aleks.com](http://www.aleks.com) and select SIGN UP NOW. Enter course code UGJHA-HQ6GH and use your Antioch email address to register for a proctored placement test. You may choose to take one *practice* placement test prior to your proctored placement test. You may also access ALEKS Prep and Learn modules to study prior to your proctored placement test. You must have access to a computer with a webcam, and can use a pencil, paper, and calculator for the test. Smartphones are not permitted. Results are available immediately on the website and via email.

Placement test location and date: Will happen during orientation and will be on the schedule for where and when.

### **Writing**

Contact: Brooke Blackmon Bryan, Associate Professor of Writing and Aesthetics [bbryan@antiochcollege.edu](mailto:bbryan@antiochcollege.edu)

Description: Your writing placement test helps us get to know you as a writer, so that we can target our instruction to best support your growth in our writing program. You will take the Next Generation Writing Accuplacer test. You can find practice resources here: <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice>

A score of 263 and above places you into ENG 105; a score of 262 and below places you into ENG 101.



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A score of 236 or below is considered developmental. This score indicates that you will need to commit to working with student support services, peer tutors, and the writing instructor to be successful at Antioch College. We are here to help and support you!

Placement test location and date: You will complete your writing placement test virtually on a computer with internet access, before arriving on campus for orientation. Brooke will send you the log-in information in July, once your account is created and your test is available.

Placement test instructions: Watch for an email from Brooke later in July. You will then receive an invitation from Accuplacer to create an account. If you experience barriers in creating that account please email [bbryan@antiochcollege.edu](mailto:bbryan@antiochcollege.edu) for alternate options.

## Foreign Language

Contact: Cary Campbell, Associate Professor of French Language and Culture [ccampbell@antiochcollege.edu](mailto:ccampbell@antiochcollege.edu)

Description: Antioch College has a unique proficiency-based language requirement, which essentially means that most students get credit by meeting a standard of performance rather than by grades of classes. The standard is assessed by a third party through a measurement called the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI). Some students with advanced language skills, with learning disabilities, with language interests outside of the French and Spanish that we teach in-house, or with over 88 transfer credits qualify for special pathways to the requirement and require consultation with the Language and Cultures Program Coordinator.

Placement test location and date: Placement is done by individual appointment online only prior to orientation

Placement test instructions:

1. Complete the Placement Survey (linked [here](#)) which includes a self-assessment of language skills
2. Check your Antioch email for follow-up messages from Cary Campbell based on your survey responses
  - a. If your self-assessment shows no further need for information, the follow-up email will complete the placement
  - b. If your self-assessment shows further need for information, the follow-up email will give instructions for gathering the information we need through:
    - i. a short web-based reading evaluation
    - ii. a short web-based listening evaluation
    - iii. a short email for a writing evaluation
    - iv. a short remote video conversation with the language instructor at a mutually arranged time

## Looking Forward

Later this Winter, I will be in touch with information about academic advising and registration for the Winter 2024 term. Until then, I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable November and December!

And remember – if you have any questions, feel free to drop me an email.

Sincerely,



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