

January 27, 2012

Greetings from UW-La Crosse!

We are pleased to have been able to offer you admission as a new freshman to the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. One of the steps you will need to complete prior to enrollment is to take placement tests. All new freshmen planning to enroll for Fall 2012 **are required** to submit results of the Wisconsin Placement Tests **prior to registration** for classes.

Test Day Checklist
• #2 Pencils
• Photo ID
• Non-Graphing Calculator

- ▶ **Math Placement Test** is required for all students.
- ▶ **English Placement Test** is required for all students.
ACT or SAT scores do **not** fulfill either requirement.
- ▶ **Foreign Language Placement Test** is required to take Spanish language courses, and strongly recommended for German and French.

Placement test scores are part of your student record and will be used by your advisor to plan your course schedule. Students who have not taken the placement tests may not enroll in math, English, or some science courses until test scores are in your WINGS record. A \$25.00 test fee is charged to your UW-L fall billing statement.

If you have Youth Options, AP, IB, CLEP or transfer credit that might satisfy the English, math, or foreign language requirements, or serve as pre-requisites, please contact us to determine if your credits will exempt you from taking the placement tests.

For Spring 2012 Wisconsin Placement Testing:

- ▶ To register for the tests go to <http://testing.wisc.edu/> and click on *Spring Regional Testing Program*. Choose the date and location most convenient for you. Print out your selection for date and location as you will not receive any other notification of your test registration.
- ▶ The placement test web site goes live on **February 1, 2012**.
- ▶ Register as soon as possible - especially if you need a specific date or test site. Some dates and sites fill quickly.
- ▶ Administration of the placement tests takes place at 27 different locations around the state on a variety of dates from March through July.
- ▶ When selecting your test date, check with coaches, music directors, etc., and look at your high school calendar to ensure you have no conflicts. If you do need to change your test date, go to <http://testing.wisc.edu/>
- ▶ **New this year** is an option to take the exams via computer on your laptop in a proctored environment. See the University of Wisconsin Center for Placement Testing web site for more details. <http://www.testing.wisc.edu/center.html>
There is an additional charge for this option paid at the time of registration. You can also test at any ACT Computer Based Testing Center in the country. More information about this option is available on the UW Center for Placement Testing site.

The test begins at 8:00 AM and will run through 1:00 PM. There is a short break between exams. We hope the day goes well for you and look forward to adding your placement test scores to your UW-L record. If you have any questions after reviewing the information on the placement test web site, feel free to contact Charles Gilbert at the UW-L Counseling & Testing Center at 608/785-8074, cgilbert@uwlax.edu.

Sincerely,

Kathryn C. Kiefer
Director of Admissions

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
You may request to take the placement tests under non-standard conditions because of a disability. Send a letter on your high school letterhead from a teacher, counselor, or principal describing what accommodations are appropriate for you. Include your address, email, phone number & which site you wish to test at. Send this information to Tim O'Connor, 1025 West Johnson Street, Madison, WI, 53706. You will be scheduled for an individual appointment with the test center of your choice.