

# Latin Placement Exam

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The Latin placement exam is designed to determine your skill level in Latin, and the best course level for you to start with at Rutgers. Once you take the exam, your score determines your placement level: elementary (100-level), intermediate (200-level), or advanced (300- or 400-level). Please note: If you took Latin in high school, you must take the placement exam in order to get credit for any college-level Latin course.

## **Can I use a dictionary?**

When taking the placement exam, do not use any dictionaries, textbooks, or other study aides. This is important, because if you were to artificially inflate your score on this exam, you would likely place at a level that is too advanced for you, for example, a 300- or 400-level course. You do not want this to happen because if it did, you would not be able to take a lower-level course, for example, a 100- or 200-level course, and receive college credit at Rutgers. Also, you would not be able to re-take the exam. You would be placed at a higher level for which you are not prepared, and unable to change your score.

## **What if I fail the exam?**

Some students are concerned they could fail the placement exam. This is impossible. If you were to get zero answers correct, you would place into Elementary Latin 101. So, do not worry about getting a high score. Most students place into Elementary Latin 101. It is to your benefit to do your best on the exam and not use any dictionaries, textbooks, or other study aides.

## **How long does it take?**

It usually takes 1 or 2 hours to complete the exam. You must complete it in one sitting. There are 100 total questions: 50 vocabulary questions and 50 questions based on various passages. All questions are multiple choice. When finished, click the Submit button to ensure your test is processed.

## **When can I get my score?**

Your placement test will be processed within a few days, and your result will be available online. Incoming students can log onto their my.rutgers.edu portal, and click on the placement testing tab to review results. Continuing students can log onto Degree Navigator (nbdn.rutgers.edu), click on "My Course List," and scroll to the bottom for available placements.

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