

## Foreign Language Achievement Testing Service (FLATS)

Central Maine Community College (CMCC) offers matriculated students the opportunity to earn academic credit for language testing through Brigham Young University's (BYU) Foreign Language Achievement Testing Service (FLATS). Credits awarded are based on exam scores. CMCC awards six humanities credits (HUM 1XX) for a score of 12. Three credits are awarded for scores between 8 and 11. No credit is awarded for scores below 8. The results of the language exams are valid for a period of five years from the date of the exam. If you have questions, about the FLATS exams please contact the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

### List of Available Language Exams

Albanian	Greek	Persian-Farsi
Arabic	Haitian-Creole	Polish
Armenian	Hmong	Portuguese-Brazilian
Bulgarian	Hungarian	Portuguese-Continental
Cambodian	Icelandic	Romanian
Cantonese-Simplified	Ilonggo-Hiligaynon	Russian
Cantonese-Traditional	Indonesian	Samoan
Cebuano	Italian	Serbian
Croatian	Japanese	Spanish
Czech	Korean	Swedish
Danish	Latvian	Tagalog
Dutch	Lithuanian	Tahitian
Estonian	Malagasy	Thai
Fijian	Malay	Tongan
Finnish	Mandarin-Simplified	Ukrainian
French	Mandarin-Traditional	Vietnamese
Georgian	Mongolian	
German	Norwegian	

### Cost & Registration

Students must register online at the BYU website at <https://flats.byu.edu/signupall.php?x=8>. The testing fee is \$50.00 payable online to BYU.

### Proctoring at CMCC

All tests are proctored. It is the student's responsibility to make necessary arrangements with CMCC's Center for Testing & Assessment at least 10 days prior to taking a test. There is a proctoring fee of \$25 purchased online at <http://www.cmcc.edu/testvoucher> or at the CMCC Business Office.

### How to Register

1. Check to see if your choice of language test is available.
2. Talk with your Advisor about how the credit will fit into your degree program.
3. Complete the **FLATS Registration for Testing** at this site: <https://flats.byu.edu/signupall.php?x=6>

During registration, you will be asked for proctor information. Use the following information for listing the proctor:

**Proctor Information:**

**Name:** Dan Dundore  
**Department:** Center for Testing & Assessment  
**University:** Central Maine Community College  
**Address:** 1250 Turner Street  
**City, State Zip Code:** Auburn, ME 04210  
**Phone:** 2077555450  
**Email:** ddundore@cmcc.edu

During registration, you will also be asked to complete the **Additional Results Sent To** section. Use the CMCC Registrar Office information provided below:

**Name:** Registrar  
**Department:** Office of the Registrar  
**University:** Central Maine Community College  
**Address:** 1250 Turner Street  
**City, State, Zip:** Auburn, ME, 04210  
**Phone:** 2077555292  
**Email:** registrar@cmcc.edu

Click the **Proceed to Payment** button and pay \$50 by American Express, Discover, Master Card, or Visa.

**AFTER YOU REGISTER FOR AN EXAM**

1. Go to the CMCC Business Office and pay the Proctoring Fee of \$25. You may also purchase a proctor voucher online at: <http://www.cmcc.edu/testvoucher>. If you choose to purchase your proctor voucher online, be sure to **select FLATS Language Exam - \$25 Proctor Fee**.
2. Email Dan Dundore (ddundore@cmcc.edu) at the CMCC Center for Testing & Assessment to schedule an appointment at least 10 days before you plan to test.
3. Bring a picture ID (e.g. student ID, driver's license) to the Testing Center on the day of your exam.
4. After you take an exam, Brigham Young University will email and mail your results to you and to CMCC's Registrar within 3 weeks. Credits awarded for passing scores will be transcribed to your student record as Humanities credit.

**Exam Format**

The tests are multiple-choice. All tests are graded on a pass/fail basis. Students are allowed two and a half hours to complete their test.

## Test Preparation

There are no preparation materials available from BYU for the FLATS exams. One of the most successful ways to prepare for any given language test is to review your reading ability in the language. It is also helpful if you have a friend with whom you can practice both listening and speaking the language.

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Q: How much credit can I earn for taking one of these exams?**

A: Matriculated CMCC students can earn 3 or 6 credits, depending on the results of the exam. Credits awarded are based on exam scores. CMCC awards six humanities credits (HUM 1XX) for a score of 12. Three credits are awarded for scores between 8 and 11. No credit is awarded for scores below 8.

2. **Q: When and where are the exams held?**

A: You will arrange this directly with CMCC's Center for Testing & Assessment located in Jalbert Hall, near the library. You must contact the Center's administrator and arrange a time before showing up to take your exam.

3. **Q: I can read and understand [language] well but have not practiced writing or speaking for a very long time. Would this put me at a disadvantage on the exam?**

A: The exams are multiple-choice and, therefore, not designed to test writing or speaking skills. Each test has items that test listening, reading and grammar comprehension questions.

4. **Q: I have not been able to find any sample questions. Are practice questions/exams available anywhere online? Could I be sent a practice exam/past exam to my home so I could see the kinds of questions that would be asked on the exam?**

A: We do not provide practice exams or test preparation materials. The most successful way to prepare for any given test is to increase your reading of the language. It is also helpful if you have a friend to practice both listening and speaking of the language.

5. **Q: When and how do I receive my exam results?**

A: The student will receive official results within 3 weeks of completing the test. Official results will be mailed to CMCC only if the student indicated CMCC on the registration form. A copy will also be sent to the student's address indicated on the form, and a copy will be placed on file at BYU. If the student checks the "hold" box on the registration form, the scores will not be sent to CMCC.