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Dear Prospective Student:

I am glad that you have been accepted at Wheaton College and hope that you will decide to begin your college studies here in August 2019. If you do, it will be my responsibility to help you enroll in your first semester classes and to recommend appropriate testing to meet some college requirements.

Information regarding our Christ At The Core general education requirements can be found on the Freshman Advising website (www.wheaton.edu/registrar, Freshman Advising tab). We will be updating information on the Freshman Advising tab at intervals, so please check back regularly for the most current information.

You can meet some Christ At The Core General Education requirements through appropriate testing. A flier is enclosed and posted on the Freshman Advising website regarding the approved tests and eligible testing scores. The following comments should answer many of your questions.

1. It is common for students to transfer credit from college courses taken during their high school years. Please note that **some** college courses, taken **online**, will **not** transfer to Wheaton. These can include Modern & Classical Language Courses, Speech Courses, and Lab Sciences.
2. If you have the opportunity to take an Advanced Placement (AP) exam or an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam, you should do so. You can receive college credit if you earn a qualifying score (see enclosed flier) on an AP exam or if your score on an IB exam is 5 or above. These tests must be arranged through your high school. Be sure to ask about taking the exam in any AP or IB class that you are enrolled in. ***It is not necessary to take any further tests for an area in which you take an AP or IB Exam.***
3. Students who do not take AP or IB exams in a foreign language but have fairly strong foreign language knowledge should consider taking the College Board SAT Subject Tests. You need to register for these tests which are given only a few times a year. You may register online for SAT Subject tests at <http://www.collegeboard.com/sat/html/satform.html>. Because it takes six weeks for your tests to be graded, it is best to take the SAT Subject Tests before May.
4. If you plan on enrolling in modern or classical language courses at Wheaton, you will be required to submit one of the following:
AP, IB, SAT Subject test score
OR
Wheaton College Placement Test score

Unless beginning a new language at the 101-level, all undergraduate students who have not had prior testing in a foreign language MUST take a placement test and follow the recommendation of the Department of Modern & Classical Languages (MCL) in order to enroll in a modern or classical language course. This includes students with dual-enrollment language credit.

For modern languages (CHIN, FREN, SPAN, and GERM), placement tests should be taken online. This test MUST be taken by July 1st if you plan to enroll in a language course for the Fall term.

For classical languages (GREK, HEBR, LATN), course placement will be determined by a written placement test offered at the beginning of each academic semester.

Register for placement test online at: <https://www.wheaton.edu/academics/programs/modern-and-classical-languages/language-placement-testing/>.

5. The Applied Abstract and Quantitative Reasoning (AAQR) requirement may be met by achieving qualifying scores on the AP Calculus or IB Mathematics exams or transferring credit for the same courses from another college. College Algebra and Trigonometry will not meet the requirement and will not transfer in for credit.

By the beginning of July, you should receive a *Course Guide* booklet and registration materials from me that will list all the courses open to freshmen in the fall semester of 2019. Based on these materials and your test scores, you will choose the courses you wish to take in the fall of 2019. These materials will also be posted on our website.

Please email or call the freshmen advising office if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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