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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 2017. 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](http://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 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 Foreign 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 posted 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>. Given the guidelines below, consider taking the SAT Subject exam in foreign language. Because it takes six weeks for your tests to be graded, it is best to take the SAT Subject Tests before May.
  - (a) If you have completed only through level two (equivalent to two years of high school language study) in French, German, or Spanish, you may continue your college study in the 103 course in the same language without further testing. This one semester course is an accelerated coverage of the first year of that language. If you feel you can test into a higher level course, you may elect to take the College Board SAT Subject Test or the Wheaton College placement test.

If you have completed *above* level two in French, German, or Spanish in high school, ***you must have a placement test score (AP, IB, SAT Subject, or Wheaton College placement exam) before you may enroll in any college course in the language you studied.*** If you do not take the College Board SAT Subject exam by June 1, you must take the Wheaton College online placement test prior to enrolling in a foreign language. No credit is given for the placement exam.

If you have completed *less* than level two in high school foreign language study, or if you wish to study a new language in college, you do not need to have any preliminary testing. You should take the 101, 102, and 201 courses in the desired language, unless the language you prefer is Hebrew, in which case you should take 301, 302, and 401.

The Wheaton College foreign language (French, German, and Spanish) placement exams are offered online throughout the summer. Chinese, Greek, Hebrew, and Latin placement exams are offered on campus during freshmen orientation.

- (b) **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 2017. Based on these materials and your test scores, you will choose the courses you wish to take in the fall of 2017. 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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