

**Fall 2022 Proficiency and Placement Exams**

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Dear Students,

SIPA OSA Proficiency and Placement exams will be held virtually from Wednesday, August 10 through Thursday, August 11. These exams are optional for students who wish to test into higher-level courses or waive requirements. To register please fill out [this form](#) on CampusGroups by 11:55 PM EST on August 5th. **No exceptions will be made for late sign ups.**

The Microeconomics, Accounting, and Quantitative Analysis exams will be offered in a 36-hour time window beginning at 8:00 AM EST on Wednesday, August 10th and closing at 8:00 PM EST on Thursday, August 11th. The Macroeconomics exam will not follow this structure and instead be offered only once at 9:30 AM EST on Wednesday, August 10th. Exams are only offered once per semester, if you cannot make these times you will need to take the exams next semester. Please plan your schedule accordingly.

**Please carefully review all the guidelines listed below and included in the registration form.**

Contact [sipa\\_osa@columbia.edu](mailto:sipa_osa@columbia.edu) should you have any questions or concerns about the process.

**Fall 2022 SIPA Proficiency and Placement Exam Sign-Up****Overall Guidelines**

- OSA offers proficiency exams in Accounting and Quantitative Analysis.
- You may only take each proficiency exam once.
- Placement exams for Microeconomics and Macroeconomics are also offered.
- Economics placement exams may only be taken once as well, and must be taken within the first two semesters of study.
- If you fail a proficiency or placement exam, you must take the corresponding course.
- These exams are optional for students who wish to waive requirements or test into higher level courses.
- All results are final.

- You should register for the class(es) for which you are taking exam(s) and attend the class(es) until you have been notified that you have passed. While we aim to have exam results as soon as possible, they may not be available until the first or second week of classes. This still falls within the registration period. Please contact your assigned advisor if you need help figuring out your schedule.
- You must sign up in advance in order to take the proficiency exams. Please register only if you fully intend to follow through with taking the exam, no-shows should be avoided if at all possible.
- Students who pass the Macroeconomics and Microeconomics exams must still take courses in economics from a list approved by the department. This list will be made available to successful test takers once the results are revealed.
- Successfully passing a proficiency exam will satisfy the relevant requirement and the exception will be recorded toward your graduation requirements. If you have questions about planning your schedule in please contact your assigned advisor.
- As exams will be proctored remotely, you will receive all pertinent instructions in advance of the exam date. Be sure to follow all guidelines as the exams will require installation of a browser extension and practice tests to ensure all functions are in order before taking the exam.
- If you are interested in taking the **Quantitative Analysis II** exam, please contact [sipa\\_osa@columbia.edu](mailto:sipa_osa@columbia.edu) directly.
- Please contact [Gabriella Barajas](#) should you have any questions.

#### Accounting Proficiency Exam (U6200)

- Click [here](#) to download the guidance sheet for the accounting proficiency exam.
- During the exam, you may use a non-programmable calculator along with an 8 ½ x 11 double-sided page of notes.

#### Quantitative Analysis Proficiency Exams (U6500 & U6501)

- If you are taking the Quantitative Analysis I proficiency exam, click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to download a guidance sheet.
- The Quantitative Analysis II exam is available by specific request only. If you are interested in taking this exam, please contact [sipa\\_osa@columbia.edu](mailto:sipa_osa@columbia.edu).
- Passing either Quantitative Analysis I or Quantitative Analysis II would waive your core requirement for Quantitative Analysis.

#### Economics Placement Exams ([Microeconomics: U6300/6400](#) & [Macroeconomics: U6301/6401](#))

- **The economics placement exams can only be taken at the beginning of the Fall or Spring semester in your first year. Students who pass these placement exams are still required to take 6 credits in economics in order to satisfy the core requirements for graduation. See the [Policy on Advanced Standing in Economics](#) for more details.**
- As mentioned in the overall guidelines section above, those who pass will receive a list of courses approved by the department to satisfy the core requirement.
- Both placement exams are multiple choice.
- You **may not** use a calculator while taking the Macroeconomics placement exam.
- You **may** use a non-graph/non-programmable calculator while taking the Microeconomics placement exam.

#### Foreign Language Proficiency Exams

- Beginning Spring 2022 SIPA will no longer offer language proficiency exams. Students wishing to waive language requirements should take the proficiency exams offered by the appropriate language department. Please connect with the respective language department for exam dates and more information.

**Register here!**

**FORM**

**Fall 2022 Proficiency & Placement  
Exam Registration Form**

Complete the Form

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