

# New Student Orientation

Lyman Briggs College  
Placement Exams



# What we will cover today:

1. Math Placement Exam
2. Writing Directed Self-Placement
3. Foreign Language Placement Exam
4. Course Planning
5. Next Steps



# Math Placement Testing:

- You **MUST** take your math placement **BEFORE** your meet with your academic advisor this summer.
- **REMEMBER...** Everyone starts in the course that is best for their success at MSU.
- This is important! Take your time, and take the test seriously.
- You can take it multiple times before you meet with an advisor.
- If you have a 28 on the math portion of the ACT or 660 on the SAT math, you do not need to take the math placement exam.
  - Scores must have been sent to MSU.



# Writing Directed Self-Placement:

- Due to COVID-19 and test optional
- For students who did not send ACT/SAT scores into MSU
- Helps determine writing placement
- Allows for self-reflection
- Not required, but recommended

**Tier 1 writing at the University is WRA 101, LBC students will take LB 133.**



# Foreign Language Placement Testing:

## Foreign Language Placement:

- Not required, but based on your interests.
- Available for French, German, and Spanish.
- Exemptions are provided; however, there is no harm in taking the placement test.
- You will consult with a language advisor.



# Course Planning:

- **Major and Minor Requirements:**
  - Declare your major by junior standing (56 credits).
  - You can have multiple majors and/or minors.
  - Pre-health and pre-vet tracks are NOT considered majors.
  - Some majors have admissions requirements.
- **Elective/Exploratory:**
  - You can take elective courses this year.
  - They may help you determine your interests.
  - Electives can lead to majors or minors.
  - Electives are often needed to reach 120 credits for graduation.



# Building your Curriculum

(what to take in your 1st year)

Mathematics is KEY for determining where you start in the sciences. Take your Placement exams!

Chemistry is a foundational science, preparing you for biology and organic chemistry.

General education prerequisites are important building blocks.



# Pacing your Curriculum

Tier I writing should be taken during your first year.

Balance University requirements with major and college requirements throughout your time at MSU.

Meet with your advisor if you need help planning or revising your schedule.

Think long-term when you planning!





# Next steps:

1. Continue completing ALL the sessions.
2. Review resources and complete activities for each session.
3. Check your MSU email regularly. We will be communicating with you through your MSU email.
4. Come back to this session as needed, when you are completing your Homework.
5. Take any necessary Placement Exams. Remember, we encourage all students to take the Math Placement Exam regardless of exemption status.

