Hindi-Urdu Language Placement Test 2015-16

Who needs to take the Hindi-Urdu placement test?

1. Students who want to use Hindi-Urdu to satisfy the Weinberg and the School of Communication's two-year foreign requirement, by placing out of Hindi-Urdu 121-3.
2. Students who have prior knowledge of Hindi-Urdu and want to study Hindi-Urdu at Northwestern.
3. Students who have come back from study abroad, and need to be placed into appropriate level of Hindi-Urdu class or need to earn specific Hindi-Urdu language credits.

The above apply to all students in all schools and programs, including graduate and professional schools. Transfer students are also required to take the Hindi-Urdu placement exam before registering for Hindi-Urdu courses.

*If you have no previous knowledge of Hindi-Urdu and want to start Hindi-Urdu studies at Northwestern, register for HIND_URD 111-1 (offered only in the fall).

Do I have to take the Hindi-Urdu placement test if I took the Hindi IB exam, or the Hindi Board Examination in India?

No. You need NOT take the Hindi-Urdu placement exam if you took the Hindi IB exam, and got a score of 5 or above, or if you took the 10th or 12th grade Hindi Board Examination, and scored 70% or above. Instead, you will need to bring a copy of your IB exam or Board exam grade sheet, and submit it to Dr. Rami Nair at the start of the placement test (see below for date, time and venue).

What will the Hindi-Urdu placement test look like?

The Hindi--Urdu placement test consists of both oral and written components. Both components will be tested on the same day. The written test will be given in the Devanagari script. If you want to test using the Nastaliq script (Urdu), then you will need to petition proficiency validation in a language not taught at Northwestern. The written test will evaluate general grammar knowledge, basic to intermediate vocabulary, short passage reading comprehension skills, and short passage writing skills. The oral test will consist of a brief oral interview.
How do I prepare for the Hindi-Urdu placement test?

The best way to start preparing for the test is to do some reading in the Devanagari (Hindi) script. Try reading a story, and/or skim through the latest online newspaper articles. Watch a Bollywood movie clip without subtitles, and practice speaking with a native speaker, if you have access to one.

When and where will the Hindi-Urdu placement test take place?

The Hindi-Urdu placement test will be offered on Wednesday, September 16th 2015, 3:00PM to 5:00PM.
Location: University Hall 102

Where will the placement test results be posted?

The Hindi-Urdu placement result will be emailed to each student.

Questions?
Please email Dr. Rami Nair (Hindi-Urdu Language Program Coordinator) at rnaire@northwestern.edu