Undergraduate English Course Placement at Fordham for International Students

All newly admitted Fordham undergraduates take placement evaluations for appropriate course placement in the Fordham curriculum. All incoming non-native English speakers are required to take the Fordham English Language Test (FELT) prior to Orientation and the start of classes at the University. **Students are encouraged to take the FELT as soon as possible following notification of admission.** Individual test times may be scheduled at the Fordham University Institute of American Language and Culture (IALC), located at the Lincoln Center campus in Manhattan, most Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 am and 1 pm throughout the year. Please email esl@fordham.edu or call +1-212-636-6353 to arrange your test time.

Alternately, students may participate in testing shortly before the start of each term.

- The final FELT date for **Spring 2015** new students will be **Thursday, January 8, 2015** at 10 at the Fordham Lincoln Center, Manhattan campus. Plan to arrive by 9:30 am to register.
- The final FELT date for **Fall 2015** new students will be **Wednesday, August 26, 2015**. This FELT administration will be part of Global Transition, which begins August 25, 2015.

**Please make travel plans to NYC accordingly.**

Based upon FELT results

- You may be placed in the appropriate English composition course.
- You may be placed in a credit-bearing ESL writing course. Your undergraduate program may be limited to courses which do not require significant written assignments. After appropriate progress in English has been made, you will proceed to take the Composition I course, etc. in future terms.
- You may be placed into a full-time, non-credit bearing ESL program. Commencement of undergraduate coursework may not begin until you demonstrate English proficiency at the University Preparatory Level (IALC level 6). Should you place into full-time ESL classes, please note that any academic merit scholarships offered upon admission are rescinded.

The FELT takes 2-3 hours to complete and is comprised of a grammar section, a reading/writing evaluation and an oral interview.

Please note that enrollment in the Fordham ESL program may extend the time required to obtain a Bachelor’s degree beyond the standard four years. You will be responsible for the additional costs of studying in the ESL program if this is required. Additionally, students enrolled full-time in ESL study at Fordham are NOT guaranteed University housing. If you were offered housing as part of your undergraduate admission but have been placed in full-time ESL courses, you may have to live off-campus until you demonstrate appropriate English language proficiency.