Avant STAMP LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

Turn your language skills into a recognized credential!

Please read this FAQ thoroughly before emailing. Doing so may help you find an immediate answer to your question and reduce response times.

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- **What is the Avant Language Certification Exam?**

  The Avant STAMP assessment is a globally recognized language proficiency exam that measures reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills.

- **Why do I need to/should I take the Avant exam?**

  Unlike a course grade, which reflects performance in a specific class, the Avant exam provides an independent measure of your language proficiency. Students may use their results to:

  - Demonstrate language proficiency to employers
  - Strengthen a résumé/CV
  - Support applications for graduate or professional programs
  - Document language skills for internships or scholarships
  - Showcase multilingual abilities in a competitive job market
  - Meet requirements for the CSULB Language Certificate program!

- **How much does the exam cost?**

  The total cost is **approximately 50$** and includes both the Avant testing fee and the proctoring fee.

- **How do I register?**

  1) Go to https://avantassessment.ecwid.com/#!/California-State-University-Long-Beach/c/34477017

  3) Once you've purchased test access ("Stamp 4S, proctored remotely"), the storefront will send you an email with further instructions and a link for scheduling.

  4) Follow the link in the scheduling email to select a date and time to test. ***Dates and times are on a first-come, first-served basis, so please be sure to plan ahead. The deadline for testing in F26 is November 30.***

  5) The scheduling system will send you an email confirming your date and time for testing. This email will contain a link to follow at your scheduled time.

- **Can I take the exam from home?**

  Yes! The exam is administered online with remote proctoring. Students need a reliable internet connection, a webcam, and a microphone.

- **How long does the exam take?**

  Most students spend approximately 2-3 hours completing all sections.

- **How should I prepare?**

  Read authentic materials, listen to media in the target language, practice speaking, and review course content. Please be sure to take a Sample Test here: https://www.avantassessment.com/sample-tests The Sample Test will not provide feedback. However, it will provide an opportunity to see the types of questions on the test and how the test works. It will also act as a technology check for your computer so you're ready to test when your session arrives. Please see the Test Taker guide here for additional resources: https://www.avantassessment.com/guides/test-taker/stamp

- **When will I receive my results?**

  Avant does not provide scores directly to test takers. Scores are only available to CSULB faculty around 21 days after testing is complete. Please do not reach out to Avant to inquire about your results, as they cannot provide them to you.

- **What does my score mean?**

  Avant scores correspond to proficiency levels that describe what a language user can do in real-world situations. Avant reports proficiency using the ACTFL scale, which includes the levels Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced, each with Low, Mid, and High sublevels. Your score report will indicate your proficiency level in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Certificate requirements are based on achieving specific proficiency benchmarks established by the program.

- **What if I encounter technical problems before or during the exam?**

  Notify the proctor immediately and contact the program coordinator as soon as possible. Support Team at support@avantlanguage.com or 888-713-7887.

- **Who should I contact if I have questions not covered here?**

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