

Mandatory Placement 2026-2027



Students may be placed off test scores and/or GPA

Placement Based on GPA

Students graduating from high school in the past 10 years

(All students are encouraged to take proctored placement tests for best possible placement)

Step 1 High school GPA 1.999 or less Or HiSET score 8-12	Step 2 High school GPA 2.0 – 2.799 Or HiSET score 12-14	Step 3 High school GPA 2.8+ Or HiSET score 15 or better
MAT-054 Math Strategies ENG-025 Basic Writing RDG-048 Basic Reading SDV-108, SDV -130, or SDV- 131, The College Experience or Exploring Careers ESL-265 (optional for non-native English speakers)	General Education College Math PLUS Co-Requisite MAT-088 and MAT-111 or MAT-075 and MAT-157 General Education College-Level English PLUS Co-Requisite ENG-067 and ENG-105 Success Seminar SDV-112 Exploring Careers SDV – 108, SDV- 130 or SDV-131 ESL-265 (optional for non-native English speakers)	General Education College Math, MAT-111, MAT-117, MAT-139, MAT-140, or MAT- 157 and College-Level English ENG-105

- International students and students who graduated from high school more than 10 years ago will need to take placement tests (strongly recommend proctored).
- Some **programs** may have different placement score requirements. Please see the college catalog for details.
- STEM courses will require a **proctored** ALEKS score:
 - MAT-120, MAT-127, MAT-130: Score of 46-75
 - MAT-150, MAT-180, MAT-210: Score of 76-100
- **Business Courses:**
 - MAT-140 2.8 GPA or 30+ **proctored** ALEKS
 - MAT-165 Business Calc 46+ **proctored** ALEKS
- All students have the right to take the ACCUPLACER and/or the proctored ALEKS test.
- Any person who holds an Associates of Arts, Science or Professional Studies, Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctorate degree (from a regionally accredited institution) should be exempt.

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Placement Based on Test Scores

Reading Placement Scores			
Placement Test	RDG-048* Basic Reading	SDV-112 Success Seminar	No Course Required
ACCUPLACER (Next Gen. – Reading)	< 225	226-249	≥ 250
ACCUPLACER (Classic – Reading Comprehension)	< 43	44-65	≥ 66
ACT (Reading)	0-13	14-17	≥ 18
SAT (Reading) March '16-Present (Evidence- Based Reading & Writing) March '16-Present (Reading)	< 380 <19	390-470 19-23	≥ 480 ≥ 24

Writing Placement Scores			
Placement Test	ENG-025* Basic Writing	ENG-067* Composition I Laboratory and ENG-105 Composition I	ENG-105 Composition I
ACCUPLACER (WritePlacer)	0-2	3-4	≥ 5
ACCUPLACER (Next Gen. – Writing)	< 225	226-249	≥ 250
ACCUPLACER (Classic – Sentence Skills)	27-44	45-73	74-120
ACT (English)	0-13	14-17	18-36
SAT (Writing) Score March '16-Present Essay OR Writing + Language	<19	20-23	≥ 24

Math Placement Test (for those who graduated more than 10 years ago)	MAT-054* Math Strategies	General Education College Math PLUS Co-Requisite MAT-088* and MAT-111 or MAT-075* and MAT-157
ALEKS	0-19	20-29

College-Level Math Placement Scores						
Placement Test	MAT-139 Intermediate Algebra	MAT-111 Math for Liberal Arts	MAT-117 Math for Elem. Teachers MAT-140 Finite Math MAT-157 Statistics	MAT-120 College Algebra MAT-127 College Algebra & Trig.	MAT-130 Trigonometry MAT-165 Business Calculus	MAT-180 Engineering Problems MAT-210 Calculus I
ALEKS	20-45	30-45		46-75		76-100
ACT/SAT	ACT 22 or above SAT 530 or above (MAT-111 or MAT-157 only)					

- Reading and writing placement scores are valid for 3 years from the start of the course student is placed in.
- Math scores are good for 18 months from the start of the course student is placed in.
- * Denotes a course that is non-transferable and does not count towards graduation.