

# Placement Test Information

Please call ext. 4265 for an appointment.

Many classes have prerequisites which must be met prior to registration. Please refer to the course descriptions in this *Schedule of Classes* for prerequisites.

- Students may retest after three months.
- Test scores are valid for two years.
- A valid photo I.D. is required to take ALL tests and to obtain test results.

The following tests may be taken at the Assessment Center:

## English Placement Test Assessment of Written English (AWE) 1 hour\*

This is a test of your abilities in language usage. It is required for placement in English classes (*including LERN, AMLA, and ESL classes*). The AWE is used to provide eligibility for the following courses:

<b>ESL</b>	English as a Second Language
<b>AMLA 41W</b>	American Language, Basic Writing
<b>AMLA 42W</b>	American Language, Intermediate Writing
<b>AMLA 43W</b>	American Language, Advanced Writing
<b>LERN 81</b>	Improving Writing Skills
<b>ENGL 67</b>	Writing Fundamentals
<b>ENGL 68</b>	Preparation for College Writing
<b>ENGL 1A</b>	Freshman Composition

## Reading Placement Test Degrees of Reading Power (DRP) or COMPASS/ESL Reading Test

This is a test of your current reading abilities. The results will be used to provide eligibility for the following courses:

### Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)

<b>READ 70</b>	Improving Reading Comprehension
<b>READ 80</b>	Developing Reading Comprehension
<b>READ 90</b>	Preparing for College Reading
<b>READ 100</b>	Analysis and Critical Reading

### COMPASS/ESL (for Non-Native Speaker of English)

<b>AMLA 31R</b>	American Language Basic Reading
<b>AMLA 32R</b>	American Language Intermediate Reading
<b>AMLA 33R</b>	American Language Advanced Reading

## Mt. SAC Math Placement Test 1 hour\*

This is a test of your arithmetic and pre-algebra skills. The appropriate test score will provide eligibility for the following courses. Please see the course descriptions in this *Schedule of Classes* for prerequisites.

<b>LERN 48</b>	Basic Math Skills Review
<b>LERN 49</b>	Math Skills Review

<b>MATH 50</b>	Pre-Algebra
<b>MATH 51</b>	Elementary Algebra
<b>MATH 51A</b>	Elementary Algebra - First Half

## Intermediate Algebra Placement Test 1 hour\*

This is a test of your elementary algebra skills. The appropriate test score will provide eligibility for the following courses. Please see the course descriptions in this *Schedule of Classes* for prerequisites.

<b>MATH 61</b>	Plane Geometry
<b>MATH 71</b>	Intermediate Algebra
<b>MATH 71A</b>	Intermediate Algebra – First Half
<b>MATH 71X</b>	Practical Intermediate Algebra

## College Level Math Placement Test 1 hour\*

This is a test of your intermediate algebra skills. The appropriate test score will provide eligibility for the following courses. Please see the course descriptions in this *Schedule of Classes* for prerequisites.

<b>MATH 100</b>	Survey of College Mathematics
<b>MATH 110</b>	Elementary Statistics
<b>MATH 120</b>	Finite Mathematics
<b>MATH 130</b>	College Algebra
<b>MATH 150</b>	Trigonometry
<b>MATH 160</b>	Pre-Calculus Mathematics

## Calculus Placement Test 1½ hours\*

This is a test of your algebra and trigonometry skills. The appropriate test score will provide eligibility for the following courses. Please see the course descriptions in this *Schedule of Classes* for prerequisites.

<b>MATH 140</b>	Calculus for Business
<b>MATH 180</b>	Calculus and Analytic Geometry

## Chemistry Placement Test 1 hour\*

Appropriate test scores AND transcripts verifying successful completion of the required courses will provide eligibility for the following course. Please see the course descriptions in this *Schedule of Classes* for prerequisites.

<b>CHEM 50</b>	General Chemistry I
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\*Not actual test time. Time indicated may vary slightly depending on time necessary for administration and instructions.

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## Exemptions from Placement Tests

Students are exempt (but not prohibited) from taking Mt. SAC Placement Tests to determine their eligibility for English and Mathematics courses if they:

- A. Enroll in community services classes only.
- B. Select and enroll in a general interest class, which does not have prerequisites.
- C. Verify English or math eligibility based on course work at Mt. SAC or other regionally accredited institutions.
- D. Verify other test scores accepted by Mt. SAC.
- E. Possess an Associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution.

## Test Scores

The Assessment Center will accept math test scores from other colleges that use the Mathematics

Diagnostic Testing Project (MDTP) placement tests listed below, if the test was taken after December 2007. An official copy of the test scores must be brought or mailed to the Assessment Center for evaluation and course placement. The following are placement levels for the tests we accept:

### MDTP – Elementary Algebra Test

MATH 71      MATH 61

### MDTP – Intermediate Algebra Test

MATH 100      MATH 110

MATH 120      MATH 130

MATH 150      MATH 160

### MDTP – Pre-Calculus Test

MATH 140      MATH 180

Mt. SAC does not accept English Placement test scores from other colleges.

# Attendance, Drop & Withdrawal Policies

## Attendance

**Day and evening classes generally begin the week of January 4, 2010 and end by the week of February 14, 2010.** Students need to check their *Schedule* for the day and time their classes meet and **ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME TO PARK AND LOCATE THE CORRECT CLASSROOM.**

Students who enroll in class must attend the first class meeting. Any student who has not arrived within the first 30 minutes of the first class meeting may be dropped from the class roster and the place given to a waiting student who was unable to enroll at the time of registration. Failure to attend the first class meeting does not ensure you will be dropped. **It is the student's responsibility to drop a class.**

Success in college depends upon regular class attendance. Poor attendance can result in a low grade in a class. Instructors may drop a student who has excessive absences. It is each student's responsibility to know the attendance regulations of each of his/her instructors.

## Withdrawal

**IT IS THE STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO OFFICIALLY WITHDRAW FROM A CLASS WHENEVER THEY DETERMINE THAT THEY CAN NO LONGER ATTEND THE CLASS. FAILURE TO DROP A CLASS MAY RESULT IN A FAILING GRADE AND OBLIGATION OF FEE PAYMENT.**

Drop dates are printed on the Student Schedule/Receipt.

**In short-term courses**, students who withdraw or are dropped from class during the **first 20% of the course** will receive no notation on their permanent record. Students may drop short-term courses through 61% of the course. For more detailed information regarding add/drop dates, please refer to your student schedule/bill via [my.mtsac.edu](http://my.mtsac.edu).

A "W" (Withdrawal mark) shall not be assigned to anyone enrolled after the last day to drop except when a petition, due to extenuating circumstances, has been approved.

Students who have received multiple previous marks of "W" for a particular course shall be subject to limitations on further repetitions and may be blocked from registering for the course. Please refer to the 2009-2010 catalog for updated details regarding this process.

**Students are responsible for dropping classes they do not plan to attend. Failure to drop will result in an obligation of an "F" letter grade on a student's transcript.**