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Assessment Center

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English Test
Assessment of Written English

Test Overview

The Assessment of Written English (AWE) is a placement test that asks you, the student, to give an example of your **best** writing. The AWE measures your writing abilities in order to place you in a writing course where you will experience academic success. At least two professors will be evaluating your paper using these four categories:

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| 1. ORGANIZATION: | the logical arrangements of ideas |
| 2. DEVELOPMENT: | sufficient support for your ideas |
| 3. LANGUAGE: | use of vocabulary, grammar and punctuation |
| 4. REASONING and IDEAS: | logical response to the topic |

Course Placement

The AWE is required for placement in English, American Language and for all courses requiring English eligibility. It will place you in one of the following writing courses:

- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- American Language (AmLa)
- LERN 81: Improving Writing Skills
- English 67: Writing
- English 68: Writing
- English 1A: Freshman Composition

Test Directions

You may choose one of two topics to write on. You will have 45 minutes for your writing. Here is a sample topic:

Sample Topic

What was the worst kind of work you ever did? This might have been anything: a paying job, household or school-related chores, volunteer work, etc. Describe the work, explain why you found it unpleasant, and discuss ways that would have made it more satisfying.

Examples of complete writing samples are available in the Assessment Center or at assessment.mtsac.edu .

Test Results

During registration periods, test results are available two to three days after you have taken the test. Any other time during the semester, results will be available in one week. Test results are available in the Assessment Center (photo I.D. required) or at my.mtsac.edu (PIN required). Test results are not available over the telephone.