

Understanding Your Placement Test Results

English Writing Placement Test

Test Overview

The English Writing Placement Test is for students whose primary language is not English. It is a test that asks you to give an example of your best writing. The test measures your writing abilities in order to place you in a writing course where you will experience academic success. At least two professors evaluated your paper using these four categories:

1. Organization: The logical arrangement 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

You will receive a "test code" indicating eligibility for a specific English writing course level. You may be advised to take one of the following courses:

- **English as a Second Language (ESL)** - Non-credit course level; Enroll through the Community Education Division.
- **American Language (AmLa)** - Credit course level - enroll in levels as advised.
- **English 1A/80: Freshman Composition/Writing Support** - Credit course offered through the English Department. Meets AS, AA and part of the transfer requirement in English Composition.
- **English 1A: Freshman Composition** - Credit course offered through the English Department. Meets AS, AA and part of the transfer requirement in English Composition.

Reading Placement Test - Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)

Test Overview

Degrees of Reading Power (DRP) is an assessment test that evaluates reading comprehension.

The DRP measures reading skills for students whose primary language is English.

Course Placement

Based on your test results, you may be advised to enroll in one of the reading classes at Mt. San Antonio College. This placement will help you increase your reading skills, which will help you experience academic success in your college classes. You may be advised to take one of the following classes:

SCORE	ELIGIBILITY
15 - 64	READ 90: Reading College Texts
65 - 97	READ 100: Analysis and Critical Reading

Please Note: If English is not your primary language, the Degrees of Reading Power may not be appropriate to assess your reading skills. You are advised to take a reading course that corresponds to your AmLa writing placement.

<u>Writing Course</u>		<u>Reading Course</u>
AmLa 70	→	AmLa 31R
AmLa 80	→	AmLa 32R
AmLa 90	→	AmLa 33R

Chemistry Test

<i>SCORE</i>	<i>ELIGIBILITY</i>
0 - 23	Not eligible.
24 - 44	CHEM 50: General Chemistry I

Test scores are valid for two years.

You may retest after three months.

If you have any questions regarding your course placement, please see a counselor.

APPEALS PROCESS: Students may appeal their English and/or math placement if they can demonstrate alternate proof of course equivalence or competency. If extenuating circumstances exist that may affect course placement, students may seek consultation in the appropriate division office. Students should be prepared to present documentation such as high school or college transcripts, additional test results, or work experience.