

Understanding Your Placement Test Results

English Writing Placement Test

Test Overview

The English Writing Placement Test is a test that asks you to give an example of your best writing. The test is required for placement in English and American Language courses. The test measures your writing abilities in order to place you in a writing course where you will be successful. 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 41W	→	AmLa 31R
AmLa 42W	→	AmLa 32R
AmLa 90	→	AmLa 33R

Math Placement Test

The purpose of your math placement test is to determine which course you will initially be successful in, and to ensure success in the full math sequence. You completed one of four levels of the math exam. The following charts provide an overview for scores based on the specific math test. Final placement is dependent on a review of your high school or previous college transcripts.

Level 1 - Mt. SAC Math Placement Test

SCORE	ELIGIBILITY
0 - 8	LERN 48: Basic Math Skills Review
9 - 16	LERN 49: Math Skills Review
17 - 24	Math 50: Pre-Algebra
25 - 35	Math 51: Elementary Algebra, Math 51A: Elementary Algebra-First Half, Math 70S: Integrated Intermediate Algebra

Level 2 - Intermediate Algebra Placement Test

SCORE	ELIGIBILITY
0 - 24	Not eligible. You are advised to take Level 1-Mt. SAC Math Placement Test.
25 - 50	Math 61: Plane Geometry Math 71: Intermediate Algebra, Math 71A: Intermediate Algebra-First Half, Math 71X: Practical Intermediate Algebra

Level 3 - College Level Math Placement Test

SCORE	ELIGIBILITY
0 - 20	Not eligible. You are advised to take Level 2-Intermediate Algebra Placement Test.
21 - 45	Math 100: Survey of College Mathematics (Please refer to class schedule for other prerequisites.) Math 110: Elementary Statistics Math 120: Finite Mathematics Math 130: College Algebra Math 150: Trigonometry (Please refer to class schedule for other prerequisites.) Math 160: Precalculus (Trigonometry Supplement Test may also be required.)

Trigonometry Supplement Test

SCORE	ELIGIBILITY
0 - 05	Not eligible.
06 - 10	Math 160 and passing score on College Level Math Placement Test

Level 4 - Calculus Placement Test

SCORE	ELIGIBILITY
0 - 29	Not eligible. You are advised to take Level 3-College Level Math Placement Test.
30 - 34	Math 140: Calculus for Business
35 - 60	Math 140: Calculus for Business Math 180: Calculus and Analytical Geometry WITH qualifying trigonometry subscore of 4 or higher.

If you think you may have taken the wrong math test, please make another appointment for the test you feel is most appropriate. If you received a high score on the math test you took, you may want to consider trying the next level.

Chemistry Test

SCORE	ELIGIBILITY
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.