

**NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
PROCEDURES MANUAL**

Subject: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Effective: November 19, 2018

Procedure: 402.1.2 Student Placement into College Courses

1. Placement tests serve as an indicator of student preparedness to enroll in college coursework. Placement scores are used for the purpose of advising high school students to enroll in additional or advanced coursework in preparation for college. Colleges and universities are required to use placement scores as a prerequisite for enrollment in credit bearing, degree level coursework as stipulated below.
2. Consistent with SBHE Policy 402.1.1 § 1 the following students are exempt from this procedure:
 - a. Students 25 years old or older on the first day of class;
 - b. Students from countries other than the U.S. and Canada; and,
 - c. Students transferring 24 or more semester credits.
 - d. Campuses may require additional placement qualifications of these subgroups.
3. Required placement scores apply at all North Dakota University System (NDUS) institutions.
4. A following placement score is required for enrollment in entry level, degree credit courses in English (e.g. College Composition I). Students without a qualifying assessment score must successfully complete a developmental English course before enrolling in a degree credit bearing English course or enroll in an institutionally-approved co-requisite course while taking a degree credit bearing English course.

Test	Test Component	Minimum Score	Comments
ACCUPLACER	WritePlacer	5	
ACCUPLACER Next Gen	Writing	256	
ACT	English subtest	18	
ACT (adjusted)	English + Reading	35	
ACT Aspire	English subtest	426	Intended for placement of early entry students while in high school.
ACT Compass	Writing Skills	77	This assessment will no longer be available after November 30, 2016.
ACT Plan	English subtest	15	The ACT Plan has been replaced with the ACT Aspire assessment
Pearson (CLEM, CREAM, & others)	English	70%	CLEM: Includes English Units 1-6
SAT	Writing subtest	430	SAT tests taken prior to March 5, 2016
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	480	SAT tests taken on March 5, 2016 to September 20, 2018
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	490	Adjusted SAT tests from September 20, 2018 forward.
Smarter Balanced	Grade 11/12 English Language Arts (ELA)	3	

5. A following placement score is required for a student to enroll in an entry level, degree credit math course (e.g. College Algebra, Finite Math). Students without qualifying placement scores must successfully complete a developmental mathematics course before enrolling in a degree credit bearing mathematics

course or enroll in an institutionally-approved co-requisite course while taking a degree credit bearing mathematics course.

Test	Test Component	Minimum Score	Comments
ACCUPLACER (Classic)***	Elementary Algebra	76	This assessment not available after January 28, 2019
ACCUPLACER Next Gen	Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra & Statistics	255	
ACCUPLACER (Classic)***	College Level Math	50	This assessment not available after January 28, 2019
ACCUPLACER Next Gen	Advanced Algebra Functions	237	
ACT	Math subtest	21	
ACT Aspire	Math subtest	431	
ACT Compass	Algebra	49	This assessment will no longer be available after November 30, 2016.
ACT Plan	Math subtest	19	The ACT Plan has been replaced with the ACT Aspire assessment
ALEKS	Mathematics PPL	46	
EdReady (NROC)	Math Placement	75	
MAA Maplesoft	Algebra	12	
Pearson (CLEM, CREAM, and others)	Math	70%	CLEM: Includes Math Units 1-16
SAT	Reading+Math	990	SAT tests taken prior to March 5, 2016
SAT	Math	530	SAT tests taken on March 5, 2016 and later
Smarter Balanced	Grade 11/12 Mathematics	3	

6. Enrollment in advanced college level, degree credit courses may require additional placement testing at some institutions.
7. Aspire and Plan test scores may be used only by high school students for placement into NDUS courses and are superseded by ACT, SAT, ALEKS, ACCUPLACER, MAA Maplesoft, or Smarter Balanced assessment scores.
8. Students who successfully complete a required developmental course or final course in a developmental sequence with a grade of “C” or higher that fulfills a prerequisite for ENGL 110 or MATH 103 will be deemed to have met the prerequisite to enroll in ENGL 110 or MATH 103. Students may request to retake a placement test to meet prerequisite requirements for ENGL 110 or MATH 103.
9. Campuses may elect to apply the following placement scores in reading and science-based courses:

Subject Area	ACT sub test	Aspire subtest	SAT	Compass	ACCUPLACER (Classic)***	ACCUPLACER Next Gen
Reading	21	424	NA	88**	85	256
Science	24	432	NA	NA	NA	NA

**The Compass assessment will no longer be available after December 31, 2016.

*** The ACCUPLACER Classic will no longer be available after January 28, 2019.

REFERENCES: SBHE Policy 402.1.2

HISTORY: New procedure, Chancellor's Cabinet minutes, January 4, 2012; Amendment, Chancellor approved, January 24, 2013; Amendment, Chancellor's Cabinet minutes, October 12, 2016; Amendment, Chancellor's Cabinet minutes, February 7, 2018; Amendment, Chancellor's Cabinet minutes, November 19, 2018.