

Sussex County Community College
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507.1 Basic Skills Placement Test Policy

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

All entering students have the option of taking the Placement Test which is used as a measure in advising for appropriate course placement. Students will not be bound by the results, but instead, may choose to use the results for self-reflection, and/or for further discussion with their advisor.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF PLACEMENT TEST POLICY

Although no longer a mandatory requirement for college placement, students can still be encouraged to take the placement test as an additional tool of measurement for course placement. Non-traditional students are also welcome to take the placement test if other tools of measurement are not available for review.

507. 1.1 Basic Skills Placement Testing Procedures

One of the measures used in course placement is the Placement Test. Taking the Accuplacer placement test, **which is optional**, can help in assessing the best course placement for the individual. This exam is merely an additional measure for course placement. Accuplacer measures skills in Reading, Writing, Math Computation, and Algebra. The test results will be used, along with other measures, for placement in the courses and sections appropriate to the student's level of academic preparation. In some cases these may include developmental courses designed to give the additional skills needed to be successful in college-level courses.

All students entering Sussex County Community College can take the Accuplacer as an **optional** tool of measurement in particular:

- Full-time and part-time freshmen entering SCCC with SAT scores below 450 in Evidenced Based Reading and 500 in Math
- Full-time and part-time students entering SCCC with **no** SAT scores.
- Full-time and part-time transfer students who have **not** received transfer credit for college-level English Composition or Mathematics.

Students enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL) program should not consider taking the Accuplacer until they have consulted the ESL Coordinator. Students with disabilities who choose to test are encouraged take the exam after speaking with the Disabilities Assistance Program Coordinator.

- Testing is done on a walk-in basis.
- There is a Walk-in Placement schedule available online at sussex.edu.
- Students may take the tests on most weekdays, weeknights or Saturday mornings.
- PLEASE NOTE – prior to taking the Placement Test, students must apply online at sussex.edu.
- A photo identification and a Sussex County Community College student identification number is required for testing
- Questions may be directed to the Testing Center at (973) 300-2242.

Testing Regulations

Textbooks, notebooks, dictionaries, or other papers of any kind (except the scratch paper provided by the Test Administrator) are **not** allowed in the testing room. Anyone who gives or receives help during the test or uses notes or books of any kind will not be allowed to continue testing. Following the test, no test materials, notes or scratch paper may be removed from the room. SCCC may cancel any test score if there is reason to question its validity.

Study Guides are available in the Counseling and Advising Center and more on-line @

<http://www.sussex.edu>

Go to “Student Support” and click on “Testing”, “Placement Testing”,

“Placement Testing Resources”

Students may the initial test at no cost and re-take the Accuplacer Placement Tests, (any or all sections) one time at a fee of \$10.00 per section. These retests are *optional* to the student as an additional measure for course placement.

The following are Placement score cuts can be used as guidelines and in conjunction with other measures when placing students into the appropriate courses:

Scores suggested for placement into English Composition (ENGL101):

- WritePlacer 6 or greater
- WritePlacer 5 AND Reading 250 or greater
- WritePlacer 5 AND Writing 250 or greater
- WritePlacer 4 or below AND Reading 250 or greater AND Writing 250 or greater

Scores suggested for placement into ALP Critical Reading and Writing II (ENGL012A) or Critical Reading and Writing II (ENGL011):

- WritePlacer 5 or below AND Reading 237 or greater OR Writing 237 or greater
- WritePlacer 4 or 5 AND *Combined Scores* in Reading and Writing = 474 or greater

Scores suggested for placement into Critical Reading and Writing I (ENGL009):

- WritePlacer 4 or below AND *Combined Scores* in Reading and Writing = 473 or below

Scores suggested for Math Placement:

Arithmetic (Math):

262 or greater - Passing
261 or below - Basic Math (MATH010)

QRAS (Algebra):

262 or greater - Passing
249 - 261 - Basic Algebra (MATH023)
Or Algebra Review (MATH012)*
248 or below - Intro Algebra I & Intro Algebra II (MATH015) & (MATH017)

Advanced Algebra and Functions (CLM):

270 or greater - Calculus I (MATH113)
255 - 269 - Pre-Calculus I (MATH110)

254 or below - Intermediate Algebra (MATH040)