

# Do I need to take a **placement test** before enrolling at ICC?

## What is a placement test?

Colleges use placement tests in subjects like math and reading to determine college readiness and to place students in classes at the appropriate level. If you have met the requirements through other options, as outlined below, you may not need to take the placement tests.

You've taken many tests during your school career. ICC now accepts any of the following options to determine your placement in classes:

### ICC placement tools:

- ACCUPLACER
- COMPASS
- ALEKS-PPL

### Other placement options accepted:

- ACT Reading and Math
- SAT Reading and Math
- AP Exams
- PARCC 11th Grade English/Language Arts
- College credit (including dual credit)
- PARCC Algebra II
- PARCC Integrated Math III

To use any of these other options, you must send the official scores to the ICC Testing Center, either directly from your high school or from the testing company. (Ask your high school counselor for assistance to determine if your scores are on your high school transcript.) If you have college credit from another school, have your transcript sent directly to ICC Enrollment Services to be evaluated.

## READING REQUIREMENT

- Do you have an ACT Reading score of 18 or higher?
- Do you have an SAT Reading score of 380 or higher?
- Did you take an AP class and receive a score of 3 or higher on the exam?
- Do you have a PARCC 11th Grade English/Language Arts score of 4 or higher?

If so, you have met the reading requirement for most college-level courses and do not need to take the Reading placement test. If not, schedule **ICC'S READING PLACEMENT TEST**.

## MATH REQUIREMENT

- Different math classes require specific scores for enrollment. A chart is available with specific guidelines.
- A college advisor or the Testing Center can assist you with determining if you need to take the placement test.
- Talk to your college advisor about your placement scores. They will be able to tell you what math classes you may take based on your high school math classes and your test scores. If you wish to take a higher level course than your test scores indicate, you may need to **TAKE ICC'S MATH PLACEMENT TEST** again.

The following courses require an ICC placement test:

- MATH 120** Trigonometry
- MATH 122** Discrete Mathematics I
- MATH 134** Finite Math
- MATH 135** Calculus for Business and Social Sciences
- MATH 165** Pre Calculus
- MATH 211** Statistical Analysis
- CHEM 130** General Chemistry

Students going into business fields that require Business Calculus or any program that will require Calculus (medicine, engineering, physical therapy, science, etc.) must take the placement test unless they have AP Calculus credit.

A complete listing of placement options for math classes (including the new ACCUPLACER scores) can be found at [icc.edu/testscores](http://icc.edu/testscores).



If you have questions about your placement tests, contact Rich Fields at the ICC Testing Center at  
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# READING

## Course Placement Guidelines

### ILLINOIS CENTRAL COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTS

COURSE	ACCUPLACER Reading Comprehension	ACCUPLACER WritePlacer*	COMPASS Read Score
<b>General Education or College-Ready<sup>1</sup></b>	90 or higher	5 or higher	81 or higher
<b>ENGL 095</b> Preparation for College Reading & Writing or <b>ALP</b> option <sup>2</sup>	44-89	3-4	61-80
<b>ENGL 085</b> Preparation for College Reading & Writing	43 or less	0-2	60 or less

### OTHER PLACEMENT OPTIONS ACCEPTED AT ICC

COURSE	ACT Read Score	SAT Read Score	PARCC 11th Grade English/ Language Arts Score	AP Exam Score	College Credit
<b>General Education or College-Ready<sup>1</sup></b>	minimum 18	minimum 380	minimum 4	minimum 3	ENGL 110 Composition I; CLEP Credit; ENGL 110 transfer credit

\* Students who score 80-89 on an ACCUPLACER Reading Comprehension test will be given the ACCUPLACER WritePlacer test.  
A WritePlacer score of 5 or higher will designate a student as College-Ready for any General Education, IAI, or College-Ready Reading Pre-Requisite Course.  
Any student can choose to retest using either the Reading Comprehension test or the WritePlacer test.

<sup>1</sup> College-Ready Reading and General Education courses are courses in various disciplines for which a minimum reading score is required for students to be prepared for coursework.

<sup>2</sup> Accelerated Learning Program Option: Student will be concurrently enrolled in ENGL 099 and ENGL 110. Contact your academic advisor for information/eligibility.

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