

## Interpreting your Accuplacer Results

### What do my placement scores mean?

Accuplacer assesses a student's reading, writing, and math skills in order to properly place them into courses. The results, which are generated immediately upon completion of the test, enable college advisors to register students in the level of math and English that will give them the greatest opportunity for success. Results reveal if a student is ready for college-level coursework or if developmental courses, taken first, will be necessary. Scores range between 200 and 300 in each area. The test is adaptive, which means the types of questions vary by the test taker's response. Each test consists of 20-25 test items. For students who place into developmental courses, please see the chart below.

Developmental Courses	
English	Mathematics
ENG 055–Composition Literacy (Co-requisite)	MAT 062 – Intermediate Algebra
ENG 053 – Developmental Reading	MAT 052 – Basic Algebra or MAT 056 – Mathematical Literacy
ENG 052 – Developmental Writing	MAT 051 - Pre Algebra

If your placement score indicates any of the above courses, they will need to be done before the college-level courses can be taken, with the exception of ENG 055 which is taken at the same time as ENG 101 (1<sup>st</sup> year college composition). For English, the sequence starts at the ENG 052 or ENG 053 level depending on whether you scored low in writing or reading. For math, the sequence starts at the bottom course (MAT 051) and then proceeds upward. Where a student starts in the sequence depends on what they score on the test.

**Example 1:** If you place into ENG 052 and/or ENG 053 you will need to take that course(s) before you can enroll in the college-level course, ENG 101.

**Example 2:** If you place into ENG 055, this means you will take this course the same semester you also take ENG 101 (college-level).

**Example 3:** If you place into MAT 052, then you would start in MAT 052 and then take MAT 062. MAT 056 can be taken in place of MAT 052 and MAT 062 if your program of study requires only MAT 113 or MAT 120.

**Example 4:** If you place into MAT 062, then MAT 062 is the only course you will need to take prior to college-level math.

### College-level courses

If your scores indicate college-level skills, your score report will list the courses you are prepared to take. Depending on your major, your academic advisor will recommend the course that is appropriate for that degree.

**\*For study guides and more information regarding the Accuplacer test, visit the College Board's website at <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>**

