POLICY

Unless exempt, degree students are required to demonstrate college-level proficiency in English and mathematics, specifically Elementary Algebra, by taking the College Placement Test, Next Generation Accuplacer. Full-time students must take the College Placement Test prior to registering for their first semester. Part-time students must take the College Placement Test before registering for an English or mathematics course or before registering for their twelfth credit. Exemptions may be granted to students in accordance with the procedure attached to this policy. Students are permitted to retest as many times as desired, but must wait at least four (4) days between tests for recommended brush-up and practice.

Students identified as needing skill development must enroll in the appropriate developmental course(s). Students who do not pass the appropriate course(s) will be subject to academic restrictions.

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PROCEDURE

I. Testing

A. Unless exempt (see Section B below), all degree students, both full-time and part-time (as defined in Policy #5134, Student Classification), are required to take a College Placement Test:

1. Full-time degree students must take the College Placement Test before registering for their first semester.

2. Part-time degree students must take the College Placement Test before (a) registering for their twelfth credit and/or (b) registering for an English or mathematics course. Prior to taking a College Placement Test, students may not enroll for more than three courses in a semester.

3. Non-degree students may “audit” courses without earning college credit or a course grade. A non-degree student accepts responsibility for meeting course pre-requisites. Students auditing a course may not change from audit to credit.

4. College Placement Test scores are considered to be valid for a period of three (3) years. After three (3) years, students who have not taken the required courses indicated by the College Placement Test will have to retake the Placement Test.

5. Students may challenge their English and/or mathematics placement scores by taking a retest as many times as desired, but must wait at least four (4) days between tests for recommended brush-up and practice.

6. Once enrolled in an English or mathematics class and the term for that class begins, students will no longer be allowed to retest.

B. Exemptions

Students who have a High School GPA of 3.0 or higher or 80% or higher, or who meet the language arts exemptions noted in Attachment A will be waived from the English portions of the College Placement Test. (Students submitting ACT scores must provide a composite English/Writing score. Students who took the ACT without the essay must take the Writeplacer essay and, depending on their scores, may also need to take the Accuplacer Reading and Writing Placement Tests.)

Students who achieve the mathematics exemptions noted in Attachment A will be waived from the mathematics portion of the College Placement Test. However, students who want to enroll in Pre-calculus, MATH 191 or higher will be required to take the Advanced Algebra and Functions Placement Test (AAF). See Math Placement Policy 5161.

Students must make requests for these exemptions by submitting official documentation (transcripts and/or scores) to the College.

High School transcripts are considered to be valid for a period of five (5) years after the date of high school graduation.
Exemptions from placement testing are also available to students who hold bachelor’s degrees or who have previously passed college-level English and/or mathematics courses. Students making requests for these exemptions must submit their transcripts to the College. The College requires official transcripts to award credit for coursework from other institutions.

II. Placement Criteria

Placement criteria measures for English and mathematics are listed in Attachment A for information purposes.

III. Student Placement in Developmental Courses

A. All Students

1. Students identified as needing development in English or algebra must demonstrate competency in the subject prior to receiving a degree from the College. Students enrolled in a certificate program that does not require a mathematics course do not need to demonstrate competency in algebra.

2. Students identified as needing development in English or algebra must pass the required developmental course(s) before enrolling in any other course in that subject area.

3. Students identified as needing development in English must enroll in the required developmental courses(s) immediately. Students identified as needing development in algebra must enroll in the required developmental course before completing 15 credits.

4. A passing grade for a developmental course is a grade of “C” or better. Developmental course credits do not count toward graduation requirements.

5. A student whose initial developmental placement is adjusted prior to the official tenth day of classes will be considered as incorrectly placed in that course and will have any reference to his/her enrollment in that course removed from his/her record.

6. Faculty teaching developmental courses may require, for course completion, that students work in a learning lab on specified assignments or that they receive the services of a designated tutor. Reasonable parameters for these requirements will be set at the discretion of the faculty member and will be tailored to the academic needs of the student.

B. Full-Time Students

1. During student registration, required developmental courses take enrollment priority over non-developmental courses. Matriculating students must enroll in required developmental English courses immediately and enroll in developmental algebra courses before completing 15 credits.

2. A new full-time student needing Reading and Writing I (ENG 091) is limited to a maximum of 14 credits in the semester.

3. A student identified as needing Reading and Writing I (ENG 091) must register for that
course and select the remaining courses (maximum of 14 credits) from the Limited Load Course List. For information purposes, the Limited Load Course List is Attachment B to this procedure.

C. Part-Time Students

1. During student registration, required developmental English courses take enrollment priority over enrollment in non-developmental courses. Enrollment in required developmental algebra courses must take place before a student completes 15 credits.

2. A student identified as needing Reading and Writing I (ENGL 091) who wishes to take additional non-developmental courses must select the courses from the Limited Load Course List (Attachment B).

D. Limited Load Course List

Students whose performance on the College Placement Test indicates the need for remediation in ENGL 091 will be limited to a maximum credit load of 14 semester hours. The credit load must include the needed developmental course. The remainder of the credit load must be selected from the approved Limited Load Course List (Attachment B).

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Revised: December 4, 2007 Revised: May 30, 2019
Revised: December 2, 2008
Revised: August 25, 2009
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PROCEDURE

ATTACHMENT A

OCC PLACEMENT TEST

Students wishing to enroll at OCC must take the College Placement Test, Next Generation Accuplacer unless they meet the placement measures listed in the following chart:

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<tr>
<th>TEST/Placement Measure</th>
<th>ENGLISH</th>
<th>MATHEMATICS</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Overall High School GPA</td>
<td>≥ 3.0 High School GPA or 80% or higher</td>
<td>≥ 3.0 High School GPA that includes Algebra II and one Algebra Intensive Course (Pre-Calculus, Trigonometry or Calculus)</td>
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<tr>
<td>NEW PSAT (as of Fall 2015)</td>
<td>PSAT Reading Test ≥ 29</td>
<td>Mathematics ≥ 27.5</td>
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<td>OLD PSAT (through Spring 2015)</td>
<td>PSAT Reading Test ≥ 54</td>
<td>Mathematics ≥ 53</td>
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<tr>
<td>NEW SAT (as of March 2016)</td>
<td>Evidence-Based Reading &amp; Writing ≥ 450</td>
<td>Mathematics ≥ 500</td>
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<td>OLD SAT (through February 2016)</td>
<td>Critical Reading ≥ 540</td>
<td>Mathematics ≥ 530</td>
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<td>PARCC (as of Fall 2015)</td>
<td>Grade 11 English Language Arts &amp; Literacy ≥ 4</td>
<td>Grade 11 Algebra II ≥ 4</td>
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<td>ACT*</td>
<td>English/Writing with essay ≥ 18 and Reading ≥ 22</td>
<td>Mathematics ≥ 22</td>
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<td>High School Equivalency Assessments</td>
<td>TASC: Language Arts Reading 580 and Language Arts Writing 560 with 6 Essay</td>
<td>TASC Mathematics ≥ 560</td>
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<td>HiSET: Language Arts Reading 15 and Language Arts Writing 15 with Essay 4</td>
<td>HiSET Mathematics ≥ 15</td>
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<td>GED: Reasoning Through Language Arts 165</td>
<td>GED Mathematics ≥ 165</td>
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PSAT, SAT and ACT scores are valid for 5 years. High School Equivalency Assessment scores are valid for 5 years. PARCC scores are valid for 18 months beyond graduation date.

*Students submitting ACT scores must provide a composite English/Writing score. Students who took the ACT without the essay must take the Writeplacer essay, and, depending on their scores, may also need to take the Accuplacer Reading Comprehension and Sentence Skills Placement Tests.

PLACEMENT INTO ENGLISH CLASSES

High School GPA of 3.0 or higher, or 80% or higher: No Remediation. Student registers for English 151.

Next Generation Accuplacer Essay Score of 7 or 8: No Remediation. Student registers for ENGL 151. Next Generation Accuplacer Essay Score of 6 or less: Student takes the Reading Test and Writing Test.
Register for: If your Next Generation Accuplacer test scores are:

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<th>Course</th>
<th>Essay Score</th>
<th>Reading + Writing Score</th>
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<tr>
<td>ENGL 151</td>
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<td>ENGL 151</td>
<td>= 6 AND</td>
<td>≥ 536</td>
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<td>ENGL 098 &amp; 151</td>
<td>= 5 or 6 AND</td>
<td>Reading + Writing ≥ 490 and 535</td>
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<td>ENGL 095</td>
<td>= 5 or 6 AND</td>
<td>Reading + Writing between 474 and 489</td>
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<td>ENGL 091</td>
<td>≤ 6 AND</td>
<td>Reading + Writing ≤ 472</td>
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<td>ENGL 091</td>
<td>&lt; 4 with any combination of Reading + Writing scores</td>
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PLACEMENT INTO MATH CLASSES: Placement Test Scores

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<tr>
<th>SCORE</th>
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<tr>
<td>200-258</td>
<td>MATH 023: Algebra Basics</td>
<td>This is a developmental course. It does not earn graduation credits.</td>
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<td>259-300</td>
<td>MATH 151: Survey of Mathematics</td>
<td>Students select from these courses to satisfy General Education or program requirements. Successful completion of these courses earns graduation credits.</td>
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<td>MATH 156: Introduction to Statistics</td>
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<td>MATH 158: Algebraic Modeling</td>
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<td>MATH 168: Basic Technical Math</td>
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<td>MATH 171: Finite Mathematics</td>
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<td>MATH 181: Introduction to Probability</td>
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<tr>
<td>259-275</td>
<td>Pre-Calculus Track: MATH 161: College Algebra for Specific Majors</td>
<td>These courses prepare students for advanced mathematics courses and satisfy General Education requirements. Students planning to enroll in MATH 191 or higher to satisfy program requirements should select either MATH 161 or MATH 165. Students cannot earn graduation credits for both MATH 161 and MATH 165.</td>
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<tr>
<td>276-300</td>
<td>MATH 165: College Algebra</td>
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*Students wishing to enroll directly into Pre-calculus I, MATH 191 or higher must take the Advanced Algebra and Functions Test or meet the criteria of Multiple Measures (See Policy #5161).
PROCEDURE

ATTACHMENT B

College Skills Limited Load Courses (42) Master List
For Students Enrolled in ENGL 091

BUSINESS (3)

ACCT 121  Fundamentals of Accounting  3 s.h.
BUSN 131  Introduction to Business Administration  3 s.h.
BUSN 170  Small Business Management  3 s.h.

COMPUTER STUDIES (1)

CSIT 110  Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications  3 s.h.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (2)

HEHP 210  Karate I  2 s.h.
HEHP 225  Contemporary Health  3 s.h.

HUMANITIES (23)

ARTS 170  Ceramics I  3 s.h.
ARTS 183  Basic Drawing  3 s.h.
ARTS 184  Two-Dimensional Design  3 s.h.
ARTS 186  Three-Dimensional Design  3 s.h.
ARTS 270  Ceramics II  3 s.h.
ARTS 271  Ceramics III  3 s.h.
ARTS 272  Ceramics IV  3 s.h.
ARTS 286  Painting I  3 s.h.
ARTS 287  Painting II  3 s.h.
COEM 120  Television Studio Production  3 s.h.
COMM 110  Introduction to Communications  3 s.h.
COMM 192  Voice and Diction  3 s.h.
COPH 181  Basic Digital Photography  3 s.h.
DANC 120  Modern Dance  2 s.h.
DANC 130  Ballet I  2 s.h.
DANC 150  Jazz Dance  2 s.h.
HIST 173  United States History to 1877  3 s.h.
HIST 174  United States History from 1877  3 s.h.
MUSC 150  Introduction to Group Keyboard  3 s.h.
MUSC 160  College Choir I  1 s.h.
MUSC 164  Introduction to Group Voice  2 s.h.
MUSC 173  Concert Band I  1 s.h.
THTR 193  Introduction to Acting I  3 s.h.

MATH

Mathematics courses as determined by the Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics test (excluding MATH 156, MATH 171, and MATH 181).
### SCIENCES (2)

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<td>BIOL 114</td>
<td>Principles of Biological Science</td>
<td>4 s.h.</td>
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<td>CHEM 180</td>
<td>Introduction to Chemistry</td>
<td>4 s.h.</td>
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### SOCIAL SCIENCES (3)

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<td>Student Success Seminar</td>
<td>2 s.h.</td>
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<tr>
<td>PSYC 172</td>
<td>General Psychology</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOCI 181</td>
<td>Introduction to Sociology</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
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