

Office of Examinations

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Frequently Asked Questions by Students

- ***Why should I take the placement examination?***

Unless you have been exempt, the placement/qualifying examination facilitates your university course placement, can provide course credit and will meet your graduation requirements.

- ***How do I prepare for the examinations?***

First, view the COMPASS sample test section on the Examination Office home page to familiarize yourself with the test. View the study guides section on the Examination Office home page. Next, view the free math tutorial online, review a course book, and/or seek tutoring from a subject teacher.

- ***What if I need special testing accommodations?***

Students needing any special accommodation in order to fully participate in the exams, should contact the Abilities Office of Disabled Student Services at (773)995-4401.

- ***Who has to take the placement/qualifying examination?***

Who should take the University Qualifying Examinations?

- All freshman and transfer students must take the university qualifying examinations in English and reading.
- Any exceptions?
 - If the student needs a course that requires the specific placement exam as a prerequisite, there is no waiver for the exam.
 - If the student has an A.A., A.S., a baccalaureate or higher, the exams are waived as a **graduation requirement**.
 - **The student does not need the math exam if the student has transferred in college level math,**
 - (1) needs no additional math to complete their CSU degree and
 - (2) needs no additional course that requires math as a prerequisite.

ACT Compass Cut-Off Scores

TEST	SCORE	PLACEMENT
PreAlgebra	0-99	Math 099 Level 1
Algebra	0-36	Math 099 Level 1
Algebra	37-49	Math 099 Level 2
Algebra	50-99	College level Algebra According to major
College Algebra	46-99	Proficiency for 1 st College level Algebra According to major
Trigonometry	46-99	Proficiency for Trigonometry (if required by major)
Reading	0-75	Reading 150
Reading	76-99	Completed Reading Requirement

We now offer the English Placement via the computer!

Hours of English Comp.	Score	Placement
Freshmen or no (Zero) hours of English Composition	2-7 8-12	English 1230 English 1270
Student with 3 hours of English Composition	2-7 8-12	English 1230 English 1280
Student with 5+ hours of English Composition	2-7 8-12	English 1240 English Requirement Met

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- EX Student is bogus! Call Office of Exams
- E1 Student needs English 123
- E2 Student needs English 124
- E5 Student needs Reading 150
- EE Student needs Math 099 Level 1
- ED Student needs Math 099 Level 2
- EA Student needs Math 099 Level 1
- EC Student needs Math 099 Level 2
- EB IF student's Algebra score < 37 , student needs Math 099 Levels 1 & 2, else Level 2
(Look at MSC2 score on SOATEST)

Additional Information

- www.csu.edu/examinations/
- Students are encourage to make an online appointment.
- English, Reading & Computerized Math assessments are also on a 1st come, 1st served, walk-in basis
- No one will be admitted after 11:00 am on weekdays without an appointment
- No one will be admitted after 9:15 am on Saturdays
- We also administer CLEP examinations
- Thank You for your time!