

DO I NEED TO TAKE THE UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT EXAMS?

Once accepted for admission to Chicago State University, all freshmen must take the university qualifying examinations in English, reading, and mathematics by the end of their first term in residence.

Transfer students who have not completed an Associate of Arts or an Associates of Science Degree must take the university qualifying examinations in English and reading.

Exceptions:

1. Any student who transfers to Chicago State University with an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science Degree
2. Any student who transfers to Chicago State University without an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science Degree, but with 75 or more credit hours and has completed the Illinois GECC requirements before transferring
3. Any student who transfers that demonstrates having passed the Illinois Certification Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) in basic skills prior to admission.

NOTE: However, this policy will not override the requirements any college, department, program, or major. Some courses list the passing of a qualifying examination as a prerequisite. Students are required to satisfy all prerequisites before registering for individual courses and thus may be required to take the qualifying examinations in some majors.

WHY DO I NEED TO TAKE THE PLACEMENT EXAMS?

1. University placement/qualifying examinations fulfill a university graduation requirement.
2. The placement/qualifying examination and academic skills courses ensure that students possess the minimal English composition, reading, and mathematics skills necessary to perform productively in their chosen fields of study.
3. The placement/qualifying examination facilitates your university course placement and can provide course credit.