

# ADVISING GENERAL EDUCATION

## TESTING, EVALUATION AND RESEARCH GUIDE

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# PLACEMENT EXAMS

Several introductory courses are taught with the expectation that the student has attained a certain level of prior knowledge and skill in the subject. Placement tests have been designed to ensure that students have the required prior knowledge before taking a class. It is better for students to be placed into a lower-level course by an examination than to fail a higher-level course for which they are not adequately prepared. The university embraces the principle of “multiple measures,” in testing. Whenever possible, students are provided more than one option for placement into or out of curricular course sequences, since test performance can vary based on the type of assessment.

- ACT and SAT are automatically used to determine student placement into Biology, English, and Mathematics when students submit these scores as part of the admissions process.
- University placement exams are available to students who would like to challenge this placement, or who do not have ACT or SAT scores available, for Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Foreign Language, and Oral Communication.
- Placement exams can be used to test out of general education courses, such as Quantitative Experience (QE), Basic Composition (BC), Foreign Language (FC), and Oral Communication (OC).

# ASSESSMENTS ACCEPTED

## Advanced Placement Exams (AP)

- WSU accepts AP scores for course credit.
- Many general education course requirements can be met through AP testing.
- Students take these tests at their high school.
- [List of courses](#)

## College Level Exam Program (CLEP)

CLEP is a national computer-based credit by examination program administered through the College Board at the university testing office.

- Many general education course requirements can be met through CLEP testing.
- [List of courses](#)

## English Self-Assessment

Any student placing into ENG 1010 via ACT or SAT may take this [self-assessment](#) as an alternate way to place out of this course. Questions may be directed to [englishoverride@wayne.edu](mailto:englishoverride@wayne.edu)

## Math Placement Assessment

Students who need to meet the Quantitative Experience (QE) general education requirement should discuss which course to take with their major advisor.

## Oral Communication (OC) Competency Exam

The test is administered by the Department of Communication.

## Foreign Culture (FC) or Cultural Inquiry (CI)

Students may take a Language Proficiency Exam to fulfill the Foreign Language or Cultural Inquiry Requirement. Exams are offered in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Modern Greek, Hebrew, Japanese, Italian, Latin, Polish, Romanian, Russian, and Spanish. These exams are provided by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.