

Policy Name: English Composition Placement

Custodian of Policy: Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Date of Next Review: September 2026

POLICY:

Domestic students who have been admitted to an undergraduate degree program at Minnesota State University, Mankato and who need to fulfill General Education Goal Area 1, Part A are placed in a Composition course or course sequence based on their instructional needs.

Domestic Students

Domestic students seeking to enroll in ENG 101 must demonstrate readiness to succeed in the course through one of the following means:

	ACT English Sub Score	PSAT ERW Sub Score	SAT Evidence- Based Reading and Writing Score	GED RLA Sub Score	TABE Writing Sub Score	NG Accuplacer Reading Score	High School GPA
ENG 101	18 or higher	460 or higher	480 or higher	165 or higher	537 or higher	250 or higher	2.6
	16-17 and HS GPA 2.5 or higher	450- 459 And HS GPA 2.5 or higher	440-479 and HS GPA 2.5 or higher			236-249 and HS GPA 2.5 or higher	

Additional Methods for Placement into ENG 101:

- AP English Language and Composition test score of 3 or higher;
- CLEP English Composition and Literature test score of 50 or above;
- Grade of "C" or higher in a domestic postsecondary non-developmental English course in which writing was a focus of instruction.

International Students

International students seeking to enroll in ENG 101 must demonstrate readiness to succeed in the course through one of the following means:

	TOEFL iBT	IELTS	SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score	PTE	Duolingo	NG Accuplacer ESL Reading Score + Writeplacer
ENG 101	4	6	480 or higher	55	110	110 ESL Reading + 5 Writeplacer Or Writeplacer of 6

NOTE 1: Accuplacer Next Generation Reading scores from any Minnesota State College or University (MinnState) institution taken within two calendar years will be accepted. The NG Reading Accuplacer may be attempted twice total.

NOTE 2: Test scores older than five years old will not be accepted for course placement.

NOTE 3: Course placement based on high school GPA is only applicable to students who completed high school within the United States within the last ten years.

NOTE 4: Students who graduated from a high school within the United States more than ten years ago and with no other valid measures for placement are permitted to register for ENG 101 after consultation with their academic advisor.

Rationale:

The purpose of this policy is to improve students' success in college writing by assessing for readiness for composition and by providing them with further preparation when necessary. Data suggests students not meeting these guidelines have a higher likelihood of having to repeat a course.

Minnesota State Mankato's policy is based on [Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board Procedure 3.3.1](#), Assessment for Course Placement.

History of Revisions:

Effective Date of Last Review: May 18, 2020

Date of Last Review: September 2019

Revisions Made:

Minnesota State Mankato's policy is revised based on [Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board Procedure 3.3.1](#), Assessment for Course Placement. Notable update includes the use of high school GPA in course placement evaluation, per MinnState procedure.

References:

[Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board Procedure 3.3.1](#)

Vice President's Recommendation

President's Approval