

Placement Guidelines and Testing

Placement in math, reading, and writing courses at Missouri Western is determined by ACT/SAT subscores. Depending on scores, students may be required to take developmental courses before completing general education requirements in these areas. Placement exams allow students an opportunity to test out of a developmental course. There is no cost to the student for placement exams.

General

- Placement tests are given at specified times as listed on the websites below, as well as during registration programs.
- ACT, SAT and Placement Exam scores can be found on Griffon GPS under “Student Info”.

English Placement

ACT English Subscore	SAT Reading/Writing Subscore	Writing Placement Exam Score	Course Placement
0-17	0-490	1-3	ENG 100
18-25	500 or higher	4-5	ENG 104 (if Reading score requirements are met—see bullet below)
26 or higher	620 or higher	6	ENG 112

- ENG 104 has pre-requisite of test scores shown on chart above OR a C or higher in ENG 100 or SAT Reading/Writing score of 500 or higher.
- Essays are read and scored by two separate faculty members. If those scores are in agreement, the student is placed. If the score is “split” (i.e., 3 and 4) the essay goes to a third reader for the final determination of placement. Placement is not just one faculty member’s decision.
- To be eligible for ENG 108, a student must receive a C or higher in ENG 104.
- ENG 112 will count toward General Studies Honors requirements; however, a student does not have to be in the Honors Program to enroll in ENG 112.
- ENG 100 does apply toward graduation but it does not apply toward general studies requirements.
- Extensive information regarding English placement is available at the [Writing Placement Exam](#) website. Contact the English department with any questions at 816-271-4310.

Math Placement

ACT Math Subscore	SAT Math Subscore	MPE Score	Course Placement
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0-17	0-480	--	Must take MPE for placement
18-21	490-530	1-69	MAT 110E/111E
22-36	540-800	70-100	MAT 110/111/112/116
25-36	590-800	NA	MAT 147/167

- For placement based on math ACT or SAT subscores, or Math Placement Exam (MPE) score, refer to the [Math Placement Guide for Advisors](#) document.
- For information on how students can review, prepare for, and sign up for the MPE refer to the [MPE Resource Information](#) document.
- To advise students into the proper general studies math course for their major, refer to the [General Studies Math Requirement](#) document.
- MAT 083 is the first developmental math class and does not apply to graduation requirements or general studies requirements.
- MAT 110E and MAT 111E count toward graduation and will satisfy some major requirements (see [General Studies Math Requirements](#) document).
- Extensive information regarding math placement and the Math Placement Exam is available at the [Math Placement](#) website. Contact the Computer Science/Math/Physics department at 816-271-4288 with any questions.

HiSET test replaces GED test for Missouri

As of January 2014, the HiSET test replaces the GED test for the state of Missouri. If you have questions concerning the HiSET test, please contact Jamie Sweiger in Admissions, 816-271-4183.