



GETTING READY FOR THE UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT TEST

ACCUPLACER BASIC SKILLS TEST

Before you can complete your registration, you need to take the ACCUPLACER computer-based Basic Skills Test. We know that tests can be frightening, so we want to alleviate some of your fears by giving you some information about the test and what it means to you.

First, your performance on the ACCUPLACER Test will in no way keep you from enrolling at ENMU-Roswell. However, university policy requires that you meet a certain level of proficiency in the areas of English and mathematics before you are allowed to enroll in specific classes in those areas. Although, we call the placement exam a test, there is no way for you to fail the test. Instead, it is a way for us to determine your skill levels in those areas so that you will take the appropriate classes and be successful at ENMU-Roswell. It is important that you answer each question to the best of your ability. Scores will be used in part to determine course placement. Failure to do your very best may result in course placements that are too low for your current skill level.

1. Students who score at required university skills levels on all parts of the Placement Test may register for any university class.
2. Students who do not score at required university skills levels on the English portion of the Placement Test must successfully complete ACS 101 A, A+dvancer or UNIV 098 before they may enroll in English 102, English 104.
3. Students who do not score at required university skills levels on the math portion of the Placement Test must successfully complete Math 100 and/or 101 before they may enroll in any other mathematics class.

On the following pages are some practice questions similar to the ones you will be answering on the English and mathematics sections of the Placement Test. Please take some time to read and answer the questions. They will help you prepare for the actual Placement Test. You will find an answer key at the end of the review section.

When you are ready to take the Placement Test, call Testing Services at (624-7227 or 624-7183) to schedule an appointment (placement schedule is on the reverse side). A valid Government issued photo ID must be presented in order to take the Placement Test. It will take you approximately 2 hours to finish all two tests and have them scored. You will receive your results immediately so that you will know which classes you should register for.

Testing Services offers the ACCUPLACER Placement Exam Online for students outside the Roswell Area. If you are outside the Roswell Area and are interested in taking the ACCUPLACER Placement Exam Online, please visit: http://www.roswell.enmu.edu/testing_services/exams_offered.php and click on ACCUPLACER Online Instructions.

Students who need accommodations (i.e., notetaker, interpreter, special seating, etc.) should contact the Special Services Department at 624-7286, located in Room 100 of the Arts and Science Center, to make arrangements, in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act.

Good luck in your preparation, and we look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions about the test or need additional help in preparing for it, please give us a call.

ACCUPLACER BASIC SKILLS TESTING HOURS

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
MONDAY:	10:00	1:00
WEDNESDAY:	10:00	1:00
THURSDAY:	10:00	1:00

If you have taken the ACT exam within the last two years and scored a 19 or higher in the English or math area you are exempt from taking the ACCUPLACER Basic Skills Test.

ACCEPTABLE ACT SCORES

ENGLISH 19

MATH 19

What kinds of questions are on ACCUPLACER?

Sentence Skills

Two kinds of questions are given in this test. Sentence correction questions ask you to choose a word or a phrase to substitute for an underlined portion of a sentence. Construction shift questions ask that a sentence be rewritten in a specific way without changing the meaning. A variety of topics are included. You will be given 20 questions.

WritePlacer Essay

WritePlacer is a computer software tool that scores and places student essay responses into appropriate level English courses. The assessment measures writing skills at the level expected of an entry-level college student. Students are given a topic and asked to type an essay of 300-600 words. This is the only portion of the exam that is timed and allows 45 minutes to complete the essay. No dictionary is allowed, but the essay may be written on scratch paper first then transferred to the computer. The essay will be scored on a scale of 2-12.

Arithmetic

The arithmetic test measures your skills in three primary categories. The first is operations with whole numbers and fractions. This includes addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and recognizing equivalent fractions and mixed numbers. The second category involves operations with decimals and percents. It includes addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division as well as percent problems, decimal recognition, fraction and percent equivalences, and estimation problems. The last category tests applications and problem solving. Questions include rate, percent, and measurement problems, geometry problems, and distribution of a quantity into its fractional parts. A total of 16 questions are asked.

Elementary Algebra

There are also three categories in the Elementary Algebra Test. The first category, operations with integers and rational numbers, includes computation with integers and negative rationales, the use of absolute values, and ordering. The second category is operations with algebraic expressions. It tests your skills in evaluating simple formulas and expressions, and in adding and subtracting monomials and polynomials. Both of these categories include questions about multiplying and dividing monomials and polynomials, evaluating positive rational roots and exponents, simplifying algebraic fractions, and factoring. The third category tests skill in solving equations, inequalities, and word problems. These questions include solving systems of linear equations, quadratic equations by factoring, verbal problems presented in algebraic context, geometric reasoning, the translation of written phrases into algebraic expressions, and graphing. Twelve questions are presented.

College-Level Mathematics

The College-Level Mathematics test assesses proficiency from intermediate algebra through pre-calculus. Five categories are covered. The first category, algebraic operations, includes simplifying rational algebraic expressions, factoring, expanding polynomials, and manipulating roots and exponents. The category, solutions of equations and inequalities, includes the solution of linear and quadratic equations and inequalities, equation systems, and other algebraic equations. Coordinate geometry asks questions about plane geometry, the coordinate plane, straight lines, conics, sets of points in the plane, and graphs of algebraic functions. Applications and other algebra topics asks about complex numbers, series and sequences, determinants, permutations and combinations, fractions, and word problems. The last category, functions and trigonometry, presents questions about polynomial, algebraic, exponential, and logarithmic and trigonometric functions. Twenty questions are asked.

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Practice Test**

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