

English Department Rhetoric and Composition Placement into ENG 101 in a test optional environment during transition to new placement criteria February 1, 2021

A combination of two measures is used to place students into the appropriate English course.

From students' records, review 1) HS GPA overall, 2) HS letter grades in all English courses for the two most recent years, and 3) ACT or SAT Scores (if available). **Use the strongest two measures to place students into English courses.** If the two GPA measures place the student into 101, disregard low test scores. In the absence of two measures or if the measures are contradictory, an English Placement Essay determines placement.

For placement into ENG 101, students need two of the following measures and may use whichever two measures place the student highest:

With ACT or SAT Scores 1) ACT ≥ 18 or SAT ≥ 480	Without ACT or SAT Test Scores	Students With 1) ACT 17 or SAT 460-479
AND 2) Overall HS GPA ≥ 3.0	1) Overall HS GPA ≥ 3.0	AND 2) Overall HS GPA ≥ 3.0
OR 3) HS Letter Grades in English of A or B <i>for the 2 most recent years of all ENG classes</i>	AND 2) HS Letter Grades in English of A or B <i>for the 2 most recent years of all ENG classes</i>	OR 3) HS Letter Grades in English of A or B <i>for the 2 most recent years of all ENG classes</i>
If the top two measures are contradictory, a Placement Essay determines placement	If the measures are contradictory, a Placement Essay determines placement	If the measures are contradictory, a Placement Essay determines placement

Students place into ENG 100 with the following:

Students With 1) ACT under 17 or SAT under 460	Students Without Either ACT or SAT Test Scores
AND 2) Overall HS GPA ≤ 2.99	BUT 1) Overall HS GPA ≤ 2.99
OR 3) HS Letter Grades in English of B and C, or C and below <i>for the 2 most recent years of ENG classes</i>	AND 2) HS Letter Grades in English of B and C, or C and below <i>for the 2 most recent years of ENG classes</i>
If the measures are contradictory, a Placement Essay determines placement	If the measures are contradictory, a Placement Essay determines placement

- To contest placement based on GPA and/or HS Letter Grades in ENG, students can write a Placement Essay no later than the first week of classes. *Once placement based on a placement essay has been determined no retests will be provided.* Students cannot use a placement test to test out of a class they are attending after the first week of classes.
- Students who place into ENG 100 based on GPA and/or HS Letter Grades in ENG can challenge placement before the semester starts or in the first week by writing a Placement Essay. *Once placement based on a Placement Essay has been determined, no retests will be provided.*