

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Preparation Date _____ Curriculum Bulletin _____

Effective Date **Fall 2017** Approved by EPC _____

Department _____

College **UC - University College**

Proposal **Revise Policy**

Proposal Name **Revision of University Readiness Standards and Placement Testing Policy**

Description of proposal:

Kent State University must remain in compliance with the State of Ohio's statewide remediation free standards. The proposed revisions will allow Kent State to continue its compliancy, as well as serve incoming and continuing students who utilize these assessments and standardized tests.

Changes to policy include adding the new SAT tests, removing Compass test and revising time limits for ALEKS math assessment.

Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need, audience)

If Kent State does not adopt these policy revisions, the university will not be in compliance with the State of Ohio and its state-wide remediation free standards.

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):

Academic departments and campuses affected by the changes to the readiness and placement tests.

REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

_____/_____/_____
Department Chair / School Director

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Campus Dean (for Regional Campuses proposals)

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College Dean (or designee)

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Dean of Graduate Studies (for graduate proposals)

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Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (or designee)

Proposal Summary for Revision of University Readiness Standards and Placement Testing Policy

Subject Specification:

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Background Information:

In March 2016, the College Board revised the SAT suite of standardized tests. As a result, SAT scoring system was changed from 2400 to 1600. Students admitted for the 2017-2018 academic year may have either SAT scores from the prior year or the new SAT suite of assessments. In order to provide transparency to students, parents, and university stakeholders, the policy is revised to accommodate information on both SAT options that may be submitted.

The other changes to the current policy include removing all language regarding the Compass assessment. Last academic year, Compass was replaced by Accuplacer. This was done mid-year, and thus couldn't be removed during the last revision.

Secondly, in order to remain in compliance with the state and consistent with the statewide remediation free standards, ALEKS mathematics assessment results will now be accepted for two years, as opposed to the current one year.

Lastly simple grammatical changes have been made to the language to ensure the policy reads as intended.

Alternatives and Consequences:

If Kent State does not adopt these policy revisions, the university will not be in compliance with the State of Ohio and its state-wide remediation free standards.

Specific Recommendation and Justification:

See next pages for recommended revisions to the policy as published in the University Catalog.

Timetable and Actions Required:

Notification to EPC and Faculty Senate, to become effective for fall 2017.

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[Kent State University 2016 Catalog](#) > [Academic Policies](#) > **University Readiness Standards and Placement Assessment**

In 2012, the Ohio Department of Higher Education established uniform statewide standards and college testing thresholds for remediation-free status for undergraduate students. Students meeting these standards and thresholds are deemed remediation-free and are eligible to enroll in college-level courses in the respective subjects. These standards are under revision and may change during the **2016-2017 2017-2018** academic year. These standards and thresholds do not replace Kent State's placement assessment policies (see below). **The chart directly below represents the State of Ohio's current statewide remediation free standards.**

Readiness Area	ACT	SAT	Accuplacer	MapleSoft T.A.	ALEKS	PlaceU	Compass*
Mathematics	22	520	College-Level Math 55	Algebra 50%	46	18	College Algebra 52**
English	18	Writing 430 Critical Reading 450	Sentence Skills 88 Writeplacer 5	n/a	n/a	n/a	88
Reading	22	450	80	n/a	n/a	n/a	88

* Compass testing will not be offered after November 30, 2016.

** Not applicable at Kent State University.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT

Kent State University uses ACT, SAT, GED and/or placement assessment(s) to determine appropriate course placement in mathematics, English, foreign language, general chemistry and critical and core reading strategies. Any required placement assessments must be completed before a student registers for classes. This is to ensure student readiness and correct course **selection placement**. Students who are required to complete the ALEKS chemistry assessment will do so after registering for CHEM 10060. Any student required to attend a campus-specific orientation program (e.g., Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration) will be required to complete all appropriate assessments prior to the orientation program.

Students who earn college credit before enrolling at Kent State may be exempt from taking some or all placement assessments. Students must submit their college transcripts (including College Credit Plus and dual enrollment credit), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate and military transcript(s) for review and consideration of transfer credits.

Most assessments are accessible online. Students will be provided with information about assessments that are required and how to access the assessment either by e-mail, Next Steps Checklist or some other form of communication.

ACT, SAT, **ALEKS Mathematics** and Accuplacer scores **are accepted for two years from the date of the assessment and** can be used for placement in mathematics, English, ~~chemistry~~ and critical and core reading strategies **for two years from the date of assessment until the first day of classes.** **ALEKS Chemistry scores are accepted only for the semester in which students are registered for CHEM 10060 and 10062.** Placement assessment scores provided through **ALEKS (for mathematics only), Compass and WebCape** can be used for one year from the date of assessment. **Students must reassess after a year to ensure proper placement.**

English Placement

All undergraduate degree programs require successful completion of the Kent Core Composition requirement. Placement into the appropriate starting course in the sequence is determined by ACT English or SAT **writing and language scores** Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. In the event students do not have ACT or SAT scores, they will take **either Compass (available to students admitted for fall**

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2016 only) or Accuplacer Writeplacer (available to students admitted for spring 2017 or later). These assessments are This assessment is available on site only. Students who have taken Accuplacer Sentence Skills, (sentence skills score 88+) or Writeplacer or Reading Comprehension at another institution within two years of their initial start date at Kent State University may opt to transfer those scores to Kent State University.

Students enrolled at a Kent State University regional campus who do not meet the university readiness standards will be required to enroll in and earn a minimum C grade in ENG 01001 and a minimum C-grade ENG 11002 before they can enroll in ENG 21011. Students who take Compass or Writeplacer and wish to challenge their placement must take the Writing Challenge.

Kent Campus Students		
Assessment	Score	Placement
ACT English	0-25 26+	ENG 11011 ENG 21011
SAT Writing and Language (if taken prior to March 2016)	0-590 600+	ENG 11011 ENG 21011
<u>SAT Evidence-Based Writing</u> (if taken March 2016 and after)	<u>0-32</u> <u>33+</u>	<u>ENG 11011</u> <u>ENG 21011</u>
Accuplacer: Reading Comprehension and Writeplacer	<u>80+ and 5+</u> <u>Any Score</u>	ENG 11011
GED Reasoning Through Language Arts College Ready	165+	ENG 11011
<u>Compass Writing</u>	<u>0-80+</u>	<u>ENG 11011</u>

Regional Campus Students		
Assessment	Score	Placement
ACT English	0-17 18-25 26+	ENG 01011 and ENG 11002 ENG 11011 ENG 21011
SAT Writing and Language (if taken prior to March 2016)	0-420 430-590 600+	ENG 01011 and ENG 11002 ENG 11011 ENG 21011
<u>SAT Evidence-Based Writing</u> (if taken March 2016 and after)	<u>0-24</u> <u>25-32</u> <u>33+</u>	<u>ENG 01001 and ENG 11002</u> <u>ENG 11011</u> <u>ENG 21011</u>
Accuplacer Reading Comprehension and Writeplacer	0-79 and 0-4 80+ and <u>5 4</u> <u>5+</u>	ENG 01001 and ENG 11002 ENG 11011 <u>ENG 11011</u>
GED Reasoning Through Language Arts College Ready	165+	ENG 11011
<u>Compass Reading</u>	<u>0-79</u> <u>80+</u>	<u>ENG 01001 and ENG 11002</u> <u>ENG 11011</u>

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Mathematics Placement

All undergraduate degree programs require the successful completion of the Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning requirement. Some programs may require specific mathematics course(s). Placement into mathematics courses is determined by a student's score on the ALEKS placement assessment and/or the ACT or SAT score. Not all students need to take the ALEKS placement assessment, and students should check their Next-Steps Checklist in FlashLine for that determination. However, all students scoring below 22 on ACT mathematics or below 520 (on tests taken prior to March 2016) or below 550 (on tests taken after March 2016) on SAT mathematics need to take ALEKS. Upon completing the initial assessment online, students have free access to work in the ALEKS Learning Module for up to six weeks. They may then retake ALEKS in a proctored environment in an attempt to improve their placement score.

Students who achieve the scores below will be deemed remediation free in mathematics at Kent State University.

Assessment	Score
ACT Mathematics	22+
SAT Mathematics (if taken prior to March 2016)	520+
SAT Mathematics (if taken March 2016 and after)	550+
ALEKS	45+
GED Mathematical Reasoning College Ready	165+
Compass College Algebra	52+

Foreign Language Placement

All students intending to take a foreign language course at Kent State University must complete the Foreign Language Placement Questionnaire online in FlashLine, or via a link provided on the student's Next Steps Checklist. Completion of the questionnaire will determine if the student will need to complete a foreign language placement assessment. All students should begin foreign language study in the appropriate course, which may be determined in one of the following ways:

1. University-approved proficiency or placement examination; or
2. Documentation of previously earned college credits in a foreign language through coursework, Credit by Exam (CBE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP).

Foreign Language Requirements: Generally, foreign language requirements are met by passing the highest level course in the language requirement (or, alternatively, a native speaker waiver, a higher level course or through one or more alternative credit options such as CLEP, AP, CBE, IB, retroactive credit or transfer credit). Students should review the University Catalog and consult with their academic advisor(s) to determine specific language requirements for their college and program. Some students may begin their university foreign language experience beyond the Elementary I level without receiving credit for the previous course(s) and, thus, may complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses than specified in their language requirement. In this case, the hours not used for the language requirement may be still required for graduation, but may be applied toward coursework in the student's major or minor or as electives.

Native-speaker waiver: Eligible students should contact the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies if they wish to apply for a native-speaker waiver. The department considers native speakers of another language to be those students who have been born, raised and educated through high school in a culture in which a language other than English is the dominant language. Students

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wishing to obtain a native speaker waiver for their language requirement must provide one or more of the following types of documentation as requested by the administrator in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies granting the waiver:

1. Diploma from foreign secondary or high school where the language of instruction was a language other than English;
2. Transcript/official list of courses from secondary or high school showing language(s) taught;
3. Letter from foreign education official certifying graduation and language of instruction;
4. Official test results showing intermediate mid proficiency in the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and Writing Proficiency Test;
5. Assessment by approved native speaker of foreign language (e.g., teacher, professor or certified translator), with this assessment method approved in advance by a department administrator; and/or
6. TOEFL score on file with Kent State University.

General Chemistry Placement

All students registered for CHEM 10060 General Chemistry I must complete the ALEKS chemistry assessment prior to the start of the semester. Directions will be provided through the student's Next Steps Checklist and via e-mail. Students will be given access to this assessment for the six weeks prior to the start of classes each term (fall, spring, summer). Any student not completing the assessment with 100 percent mastery of the basic chemistry knowledge being assessed will be de-registered from the class and the related laboratory course, CHEM 10062.

Core and Critical Reading Strategies Placement

Kent State University regional campuses offer two courses to help students develop reading strategies to successfully complete college-level coursework — UC 00003 Core Reading Strategies **for** College Success and UC 00006 Critical Reading Strategies for College Success. A student placed into UC 00003 must take UC 00006 the following term. Both courses require a minimum C grade. Students who have taken the Accuplacer Reading Comprehension at another institution within two years of their initial start date may opt to transfer that score to Kent State University.

Assessment	Score	Placement
ACT Reading	0-13 14-19 20+	UC 00003 UC 00006 No Course
SAT Writing and Language (if taken prior to March 2016)	0-350 360-460 470+	UC 00003 UC 00006 No Course
SAT Evidence-Based Writing (if taken March 2016 and after)	10-19 20-24 25+	UC 00003 UC 00006 No Course
Accuplacer Reading <u>Comprehension</u>	0-50 51-79 80+	UC 00003 UC 00006 No Course
GED Reasoning Through Language Arts College Ready	165+	No course
Compass Reading	0-60 61-79 80+	UC 00003 UC 00006 No Course