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Proposal Type Policy

Proposal Name University Readiness Standards and Placement Assessment

Proposed Effective Catalog Year: **2020-2021** Effective Term: Fall **2021** ~~2019~~
~~2019-2020~~

Level of Request University Level

Proposed on behalf of: University College

What actions are you taking?

To clarify and revise the existing policy for the University Readiness Standards and Placement Assessment. ~~Revise cut scores per mandate by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.~~

Why are you taking these actions?

To provide detailed clarification on the existing assessment scores and language within the policy. This would allow for a better understanding of the existing policy. Also, there is a need to update the placement standards within the English Department which would assist in

improving the placement of students into the appropriate reading and/or writing courses.

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

Units Consulted
Department of English

Other Units Consulted:

Department of Mathematics**Proposal Summary for a Policy:**

Where will this policy be published? University Catalog

Academic Level of Policy Undergraduate

Background Information: a synopsis of the history of the topic and the circumstances that have led to the recommendation

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Alternatives and Consequences: other options that could be pursued or actions that may occur if this proposal is not approved

If the policy revisions are not made the current policy will be unclear and may cause confusion regarding advising students. Also, if the clarification of the scores is not updated students may not be accurately placed.

Specific Recommendation and Justification: the preferred action and the rationale that supports that choice

Revise the policy as reflected in the requested changes for the 2020-21 University Catalog to allow for clarification of the existing assessment scores and language within the policy.

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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 and thresholds do not replace Kent State's placement assessment policies.

Readiness

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Accuplacer Classic 55 College-Level Mathematics		88 Sentence Skills or 5 Writeplacer	80
Accuplacer Next Generation	263 Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics or 263 Advanced Algebra and Functions	263 Writing or 5 Writeplacer	250 Reading
GED	165+	165+	165+
MapleSoft T.A.	Algebra 50% of items correct	n/a	n/a
ALEKS	46	n/a	n/a
PlaceU	18	n/a	n/a

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Time Limits: ACT, SAT, **ALEKS mathematics** ~~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 and critical and core reading strategies. ALEKS chemistry scores are accepted only for the semester in which students are registered for [CHEM 10060](#) and [CHEM 10062](#). Placement assessment scores **for Foreign Language provided** ~~provided~~ through WebCape can be used **for** ~~for~~ one year from the date of assessment.

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 **mathematics** placement assessment, and students should check their "**My Lists**" ~~Next Steps~~ Checklist in FlashLine for that determination. However, all students scoring below 22 on ACT mathematics or below 530 on SAT mathematics need to take **the ALEKS placement assessment. ALEKS. Students They may improve their initial placement score by working then retake ALEKS in individualized learning module, then retaking the ALEKS mathematics placement assessment. a proctored environment in an attempt to improve their placement score. They have free access to Upon completing the learning modules and reassessment for one year. initial assessment online, students have free access to work in the ALEKS Learning Module. Students who score 80 percent mastery in the learning modules have an excellent chance of improving their placement through a proctored reassessment.**

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Algebra Track: [MATH 10675](#), [MATH 10771](#), [MATH 10772](#)

Non-Algebra Track: [MATH 10041](#) [MATH 10051](#), [MATH 11008](#)

Remediation-free students who want to register for a course other than the ones listed above may take the ALEKS mathematics placement assessment.

~~They may then retake ALEKS in a proctored environment in an attempt to improve their placement score.~~ Students who **are not achieve the scores below will be** deemed **remediation-free remediation free** in **mathematics, as described in the table above, must take the ALEKS mathematics placement assessment to determine the course they should take as required by their major. at Kent State University.**

Mathematics Placement

Assessment	Score
ACT Mathematics	22+
SAT Mathematics	530+
ALEKS	35+
GED Mathematical Reasoning College Ready	165+

English Placement

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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 wish to challenge their writing placement **may** do so using Accuplacer

Writeplacer.

Kent Campus Students

English Placement

Assessment	Score	Placement
ACT English	0-25	<u>ENG 11011</u>
	26+	<u>ENG 21011</u>
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	200-590	<u>ENG 11011</u>
	600+	<u>ENG 21011</u>
Accuplacer and Writeplacer (challenge to ACT/SAT placement)	7+	<u>ENG 21011</u>
GED Reasoning Through Language Arts College Reading	165+ *	<u>ENG 11011</u>

Regional Campus Students

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ACT English	0-17	<u>ENG 01001</u> and <u>ENG 11002</u>
	18-25	<u>ENG 11011</u>
ACT English and 3.0+ high school GPA within two years	16-17	<u>ENG 11011</u>
ACT English	18-25	<u>ENG 11011</u>
	26+	<u>ENG 21011</u>
ACT Reading and Writeplacer Next Generation	0-19 and 4	<u>ENG 01001</u> and <u>ENG 11002</u>
ACT Reading and Writeplacer Next Generation	20+ and 4	<u>ENG 11011</u>
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	200-470	<u>ENG 01001</u> and <u>ENG 11002</u>
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and 3.0+ high school GPA within two years	430-470	<u>ENG 11011</u>
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	480-590	<u>ENG 11011</u>
	600+	<u>ENG 21011</u>
Accuplacer Reading Comprehension and Writeplacer	0-79 and	<u>ENG 01001</u> and
	0-4	<u>ENG 11002</u>
	80+ and 4	<u>ENG 11011</u>
Accuplacer Next Generation Reading	200-249	<u>ENG 01001</u> and <u>ENG 11002</u>
Accuplacer Next Generation Reading	250	<u>ENG 11011</u>
Accuplacer Next Generation Writing	0-3	<u>ENG 01001</u> and <u>ENG 11002</u>
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University-approved proficiency or placement examination; or

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 a course beyond the highest level in the requirement. 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 credit 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.

Foreign Language Proficiency Waiver: Students able to demonstrate foreign language proficiency comparable to the highest course in their foreign language requirement may be able to have their language requirement waived. Students should review the University Catalog and consult with their academic advisor(s) and the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies to verify eligibility.

International students who were educated through high or secondary school in a language other than English.

Foreign language waivers will be granted to international students who have (a) TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, PTE Academic score recorded in their Kent State University academic record; (b) completed English-as-second-language courses at Kent State; or (c) provided documentation that they attended a secondary or high school in a country in which courses were taught in a language other than English (e.g., high school transcripts or diploma in the original language along with a certified English translation).

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Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT). A proficiency waiver will be granted through Elementary II of a foreign language to students who were tested during military service and provide an official DLPT certificate confirming oral proficiency of at least ILR 1. A proficiency waiver will be granted through Intermediate II of a foreign language to students who provide an official DLPT certificate confirming oral proficiency of at least ILR 1+.

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	80-120	No Course
Accuplacer Next Generation Reading Comprehension	200-221	RC 00003
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	222-249	RC 00006
	250-300	No Course
GED Reasoning Through Language Arts College Ready	165+ *	No Course

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