

English (Writing and Reading) and Mathematics Course Placement Policy

Testing Services - Placement Testing Policy

The purpose of the placement test is to determine course placements in the areas of Math and English to determine readiness for completing the university requirements in these areas.

Math Placement Test

Math/Quantitative Reasoning requirement is fulfilled by any one of the following:

- Completing one college level math course ('C' or better, accepted transfer credit); or
- Completing one course on the General Education Program-Distributive Learning List of Approved Courses ('C' or better); or
- Placing at College Level II Math on the NEIU Math Placement Test; or
- Scoring 580+ on the SAT or 25+ on the ACT within the past 2 years; or
- Receiving an Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus Test score of 3 or higher

WRITING PLACEMENT TEST

The English Composition Requirement is met by completing ENGL-101 or its equivalent, with a grade of 'C' or better. This requirement should be completed within the first 30 credit hours at Northeastern in order to ensure that students have the necessary writing skills to complete their studies.

Reading Placement Test

Reading requirement is fulfilled by any of the following: completing Reading 097 with a 'C' or better, earning 250 or higher on the Accuplacer Reading placement test, having an ACT Reading score of 20 or higher, or having an SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) score of 480 or higher. This requirement should be completed within the first 30 hours at Northeastern in order to ensure that students have the necessary reading skills to complete their studies.

Transfer students who transfer credits from another university that meet these requirements do not have to take that portion of the placement test.