



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
SOUTH BEND

ONLINE ENGLISH PLACEMENT EXAM

Who Takes the Test?

All admitted students who have not yet satisfied the General Education requirements for English and Math must take placement exams in these subjects. This exam serves as an alternative for non-native English speakers to the standard English placement exam that is required of those whose first language is English.

Additionally, this exam is used to determine whether non-native speakers of English are linguistically prepared for university work. The test is one of several factors which lead to a decision regarding whether students may be admitted to IU South Bend. Students who pass may be placed into ESL course(s) if it is decided they would benefit from additional linguistic support.

Accessing the Exam

The exam is offered online using Canvas, which is IU's online course management system, and can be taken at the student's leisure.

If you have been admitted -

To access the exam, you will first need to create a One.IU account. You can do this at:

<https://one.iu.edu/task/iu/create-my-first-iu-account>. You will need your student ID number from your admission letter to create your account. Please note that this account takes 24 hours to become active. Once active, please email the OISS with your new IU username so that we may add you to the exam in Canvas.

If you have not yet been admitted -

Please create a One.IU Guest account at this link: <https://ams.iu.edu/guests/CreateGuest.aspx>. Please note that this account takes 24 hours to become active. Once active, search for "Canvas" in the search bar and log in. Once you have logged in and activated your Canvas account, please email the OISS with the email address you used to set up your accounts so that we may add you to the exam in Canvas.

Exam Format

The exam measures academic reading and writing skills. Students are asked to write two short essays in response to the ideas in a reading (a few paragraphs) from a university textbook. Students have 75 minutes to read the paragraphs, then plan, write and proofread their essay. The readings contain topics to which everyone can relate.

Exam Results

Test results are forwarded to the OISS. The OISS staff determine whether the student may be admitted and contacts the student via email.

If admitted, the results are used by your the Director of ESL to place you into the appropriate course for your skill level. Courses are then completed in sequence each semester until the sequence is complete.

Note: Placement test results will be available to the OISS and academic advisors via One.IU within two days. Students may speak with the OISS about the results of the exam and should meet with their academic advisors to complete registration for the remainder of the semester's coursework.

Class Registration

In order to better facilitate class scheduling and registration, all incoming international students who place into one or more ESL classes after taking the ESL placement exam will be automatically enrolled in their prescribed ESL class(es) by the Monday before classes begin. Returning students will be pre-registered each semester in prescribed ESL coursework according to the established sequence. Students who are placed in non-ESL composition courses must register on their own or with their advisors.

Students who want to appeal their placement or adjust their schedules with regard to pre-registration for ESL course work must contact the ESL Program Director once assessment is completed.

Course Sequences

Undergraduate Written English Course Sequence

ENG-W031

ENG-W130

ENG-W131

Graduate Written English Course Sequence

ENG-W031

ENG-W130

ENG-G013

Undergraduate Spoken English Course Sequence

LING-L100

Graduate Spoken English Course Sequence

LING-L100

ESL ENG-G020

For further explanation of test policies and procedures, the evaluation criteria, and the support courses offered in the English as a Second Language Program at IU South Bend, please contact: [Dr. Shawn Nichols-Boyle](mailto:sfnichol@isusb.edu), ESL Director, sfnichol@isusb.edu or (574) 520-4360.