

# English and Mathematics Placement

Undergraduate students are placed into English and mathematics courses in accordance with the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education course placement policy 413 (<https://ndusbpos.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/NDUSPoliciesandProcedures/Eacm2xutfb9Gp5S8P5GL4b0BrUq5pIRVB4u5pNSIF4YjfQ/?e=ZQTozp>) and procedure 413.1 (<https://ndusbpos.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/NDUSPoliciesandProcedures/EbApPAwqaedGh6E5skti4FIBQZq7K48UXVoNqvOE3A1WhQ/?e=RHh14>). The intent of placement is to ensure students are appropriately placed based on their demonstrated readiness.

## English Placement for U.S. Students, Canadian Students, and U.S. Permanent Residents

As part of NDSU's general education requirements, all students must successfully earn credit for **ENGL 110** and **ENGL 120** or their equivalents. To help you get started in the right English course, we use a variety of placement methods.

- **Multiple Placement Scores:** If you have scores from more than one approved English placement exam, we'll always use the score that gives you the highest placement.
- **Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** If you are an eligible student with a disability and require reasonable accommodations to take a placement test, please contact the **NDSU Center for Accessibility and Disability Services**. You'll need to submit your disability documentation at least two weeks before you plan to take the test. They will review your documentation and let you know if more information is needed to determine your eligibility. You can send your request and documentation to:

NDSU Center for Accessibility and Disability Services Dept. 2860 P.O. Box 6050 Fargo, ND 58108-6050 (701) 231-8463

- **NDSU English Placement Survey:** If you haven't submitted scores from any of the approved English placement examinations (listed in the table below), you'll need to take the **NDSU English Placement Survey**. If you have questions about the survey, please contact **NDSU One Stop**.
- **Challenging Your Placement:** If you have existing placement scores but want to try and place into a higher English course, you may choose to take the **NDSU English Placement Survey**. Keep in mind that **ENGL 120** is the highest English course you can place into through this method.
- **Developmental English (ASC 85):** If your placement indicates that you need to take **ASC 85** (developmental English), you'll register for this course through a collaborative student registration process with **North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS)**. You can purchase textbooks for ASC 85 at the **NDSU bookstore**.
- **Earning ENGL 110 Credit:**
  - Once you successfully complete **ENGL 120** with a grade of 'C' or higher, you'll be awarded 3 placement credits for **ENGL 110**.
  - If you transfer **ENGL 120** to NDSU with a grade of 'C' or higher, you will also be awarded 3 placement credits for **ENGL 110**.
- **Transferring ENGL 110 with a Non-Passing Grade:** If you've transferred in **ENGL 110** but received a non-passing grade, you have the option to take the **NDSU English Placement Survey**.
- **MELAB Scores:** Students with a MELAB score should contact the **IELP coordinator** for specific information regarding English placement.

### NDSU English Placement Survey Scoring Guide

Score Range 1-8: ASC 085

Score Range 9-10: ASC 085 OR English 112 (choice; English 110 if 112 not offered)

Score Range 11-12: ASC 085 OR English 110 (choice)

Score Range 13-16: English 112 (110 if 112 not offered)

Score Range 17-20: English 110

Score Range 21-24: English 112 or 122 (choice; English 110 or 120 if not offered)

Score Range 25-28: English 110 or 120 (choice)

Score Range 29-34: English 122 (120 if 122 not offered)

Score Range 35-40: English 120

Score Range 41-42: English 122 OR Course Challenge (choice; English 120 if 122 not offered)

Score Range 43-44: English 120 OR Course Challenge (choice)

The table below lists exam scores and corresponding English course placement at NDSU:

English ACT Subtest Score	SAT Writing	ACT Aspire	Smarter Balanced 11/12 Grade (ELA)	Accuplacer WritePlacer Test Score	Accuplacer Next-Generation Writing	MyFoundationsLab Pearson (CREAM CLEM & Others)	NDSU Course Placement
13 or lower	Evidence-based reading & writing: 470 or lower	425 or lower	2 or lower	4 or lower	249 or lower	69% or lower	English Placement Survey
14-17	Evidence-based reading & writing: 480	426 or higher	3 or higher	5	250-255	70% or higher	ENGL 110
18 or higher	Evidence-based reading & writing: 480	-	-	6-8	256 or higher	-	ENGL 120

## English Placement for International Students

- International students living in a country where the primary language is English are not required to present test scores for placement. Even if they have test scores, they should take the placement survey on Blackboard to determine which English course to take.
- Students who are required to begin in LANG 109 must successfully complete the course with a 'C' grade or higher before they may enroll in ENGL 112 or equivalent.
- ENGL 112 and 122 are special sections of College Composition equivalent to ENGL 110 and 120, respectively. International students who are multilingual are encouraged to enroll in ENGL 112 or 122, but they may enroll in ENGL 110 or 120 if ENGL 112 or 122 is not available.
- All degree-seeking students are required to successfully earn credit for ENGL 112 and 122 (or 110 and 120) or equivalent as part of the NDSU general education requirements.
- For students who have multiple exam scores, the highest placement may be used. International students who meet the threshold for ENGL 112 based on exam scores (see table below) should take the English placement survey in Blackboard to determine their course placement (ENGL 112 or 122, or equivalent).
- Students who are advised to enroll in ENGL 122, will be awarded placement credit (3) for ENGL 112 upon completion of ENGL 122 with a 'C' grade or higher.
- For students who have multiple exam scores, the highest placement may be used.

Exam Type	LANG 109: Language Use in Writing ESL II	ENGL 112: ESL College Composition I	ENGL 122: ESL College Composition II
TOEFL iBT	70 or lower	71 or higher	English Placement Survey
IELTS (Overall)	5.5 or lower	6.0 or higher	English Placement Survey
Duolingo English Exam	99 or lower	100 or higher	English Placement Survey
SAT Evidence-based reading & writing	400 or lower	410 or higher	English Placement Survey
ACT English Subscore	13 or lower	14 or higher	English Placement Survey

## NDSU Math Placement Procedures

To ensure you start in the right math course, North Dakota State University (NDSU) uses a variety of approved placement examinations. Here's what you need to know about determining your math placement:

- Multiple Scores:** If you have scores from more than one approved exam, we'll use the score that gives you the highest placement.
- Students with Disabilities:** If you're an eligible student with a disability and need accommodations for a placement test, please contact the **NDSU Center for Accessibility and Disability Services** at least two weeks before you plan to take the test. You'll need to submit disability documentation for review. You can reach them at: NDSU Center for Accessibility and Disability Services Dept. 2860 P.O. Box 6050 Fargo, ND 58108-6050 (701) 231-8463

- **First-Year Students:** All incoming first-year students will complete a **Math Placement Survey** to determine their initial course placement. If you wish to challenge this placement, you can take the **NDSU Pearson Placement Exam**.
- **Transfer & Returning Students:** If you're a transfer student or an NDSU student returning after an absence, you **must** take the **NDSU Pearson Placement Exam** to determine your course placement.
- **Challenging Your Placement:**
  - If you've already met the minimum score for any approved placement exam, but want to try and place into a course above MATH 103 or MATH 104, you can choose to take the **NDSU Pearson Placement Exam**.
  - If you don't meet the minimum score on any approved placement exam, you'll initially place into MATH 98. However, you can opt to take the **NDSU Pearson Placement Exam** to attempt to place into a higher course.
- **Important Note for Pearson Placement Exam:** We strongly recommend completing the NDSU Pearson Placement Exam *before* enrolling in MATH 98, MATH 103, or MATH 104. If you take the Pearson Placement Exam *after* enrolling in one of these courses and your placement changes, you must drop the course by the no-record drop deadline for the new placement to be valid.
- **Retake Option:** You have one opportunity to retake the **NDSU Pearson Placement Exam**. This retake must be completed before the last day to add classes in Campus Connection.
- **Questions:** For any questions regarding the **NDSU Pearson Placement Exam**, please contact **NDSU One Stop**.

#### NDSU Math Placement Survey Scoring Guide

Score Range 10-14: Math 98

Score Range 20-24: Math 103, Math 104, or Math 105

Score Range 30-35: Math 104, Math 105, Math 144, or Math 146

Score Range 40-44: Math 103 or Math 104

Score Range 50-54: Math 165

Score Range 60-64: Math 166:

Score Range 70-74: Math 259 or Math 265

Score Range 100-109: Take NDSU Math Pearson Test

The table below identifies NDSU approved placement examinations and minimum exam scores for placement into MATH 103 or Math 104:

Test	Test Component	Minimum Score
ACT	Math Subtest	21
SAT	MATH	530
SAT (prior to 2/05/2016)	Math + Reading	990
Accuplacer Next-Generation	Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics	255
Accuplacer Next-Generation	Advanced Algebra Functions	237
ACT Aspire	Math Subtest	431
ALEKS	Mathematics PPL	46
MyFoundationsLab Pearson (CREAM, CLEM & Others)	Math	70%
EdReady (NROC)	Math Placement	75
MAA Maplesoft	Algebra	12
Smarter Balanced	Grade 11-12 Math	3

The Table below identifies NDSU Pearson Placement exam scores and corresponding Math course placement at NDSU:

Pearson	Course Placement
Intermediate Algebra < 70%	Math 098
Intermediate Algebra $\geq$ 70%	Math 103 or Math 104
Algebra < 60%	Math 103 or Math 104
Algebra $\geq$ 60% AND Trigonometry < 65%	Math 105 or Math 144* or Math 146
Algebra $\geq$ 65% AND Trigonometry 40%-64.9%	Math 165 with Math 105
Algebra $\geq$ 65% AND Trigonometry $\geq$ 65%	Math 165

\*Math 144: Mathematics for Business is only available for College of Business majors.