

English Placement Guide for Students

As a student at Whatcom Community College, you have a variety of options to determine your placement in English composition. You may use any of the methods listed below or take the Accuplacer reading test on campus or at an approved location. Provide a copy of your transcript or other test scores to Entry and Advising for placement authorization, in Laidlaw Center 116, advise@whatcom.edu, 360.383.3080.

		WCC Course Placement						
Placement Method (Test, GPA, etc.)		English 101	Advisory Zoneⁱ	Eng 101+ⁱⁱ	Eng 95	Eng 94	ABE/ESL Referral	
		Accuplacer reading-skill score within last 2 years of	80+	76-79	64-75	55-75	45-54	0-44
		Smarter Balanced writing score within last 2 years of	3+	3	2-1	NA	NA	NA
		GED Reasoning through Language Arts score within 3 years of	165	155	150	NA	NA	NA
		College cumulative GPAⁱⁱⁱ within last 5 years of	2.5	2.25	2.0	NA	NA	NA
		High-school cumulative GPA^{iv} within last 5 years of	3.2	2.7	2.25	NA	NA	NA
		AP test score (composition or literature) within 5 years of	3 ^v	2	NA	NA	NA	NA
		AP class grade (composition or literature) within 5 years of	B+	B/C+	NA	NA	NA	NA
		SAT critical reading score within 5 years of	500	475	450	NA	NA	NA
		ACT English score within 5 years of	20	18	16	NA	NA	NA
	ACT reading score within 5 years of	21	18	16	NA	NA	NA	

ⁱ Advisory Zone: See advisor to determine which course suits you best: English 101, English 101+, English 95. Also, you may wish to consider an alternative, such as English 174 or a 100-level literature course; these may provide a means for new placement.

ⁱⁱ For placement into the accelerated English 101-Plus course, which combines English 101 and English 95, see an advisor. Students may also qualify for an alternative course, such as English 174 or a 100-level literature course.

ⁱⁱⁱ 15 college-level credits minimum for transfer or returning student; college-course GPA of most recent academic year may be substituted for cumulative GPA within five years.

^{iv} High-school GPA of most recent three semesters may be substituted for cumulative GPA within three years.

^v An AP test score of 4 may qualify you for college credit; see an advisor.