

College Placement Guidelines

2022-2023

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Reading Placement

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAT Reading & Writing ≥ 550 or Reading subscore ≥ 27• ACT Reading ≥ 21• College-level English, history, science, or social science (e.g., AP ≥ 3, IB ≥ 4, transfer course $\geq C$)• Global Studies II Regents ≥ 85• GPA ≥ 75 and one of the following in English, science, or social studies:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Regents Exam ≥ 80○ Enrolled in College, Honors, or AP course○ Course Grade ≥ 80 in Honors or AP course○ HS Regents-level* Course Average ≥ 80	Waive Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regents Exam: 70-79 (English, science, or social studies)• HS Course Average: 70-79 (English, science, or social studies)	RDG099
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regents Exam: 0-69 (English, science, & social studies) and• HS Course Average: 0-69 (English, science, & social studies)	RDG098/RDG096**

*If evaluating out-of-state transcripts, advisors should use their best judgment for placement and to determine if the courses are compatible with Regents-level courses.

**RDG096 is only offered at the Michael J. Grant Campus. RDG096 is equivalent to RDG098 and RDG099. When placed in RDG096, students may take RDG096 or RDG098 for their first semester.

English Placement

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College-level English, history, science, or social science (e.g., AP ≥ 3, IB ≥ 4, transfer course $\geq C$)• HS GPA ≥ 75• HS English Course Average ≥ 80	ENG101
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HS English Course Average: 70-79 and• HS GPA ≤ 74	ENG100 or ENG012*
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HS English Course Average: 0-69 and• HS GPA ≤ 74	ENG010

*ENG012 is offered only at the Ammerman Campus as a co-requisite to ENG101. RDG098 is a prerequisite.

Mathematics Placement

College-level course selection should be based on HS math and intended major.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT Math ≥ 530 (510 pre-March 2016) • ACT Math ≥ 21 • College-level Math course (e.g., AP ≥ 3, IB ≥ 4, transfer course $\geq C$) 	<p>MAT101</p> <p>(MAT101-MAT112)</p> <p>See below for higher-level placements.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I Regents ≥ 70 • Algebra I HS Grade ≥ 80 • Algebra II Regents: 65-74 • Algebra II HS Grade: 65-74 • HS Math Course Average ≥ 80 • Passed HS Precalculus $\geq 65-74$ 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I Regents: 60-69 • Algebra I HS Grade: 70-79 • HS Math Course Average: 75-79 	<p>MAT007 or MAT009*</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I Regents: 50-59 • Algebra I HS Grade: 60-69 • HS Math Course Average: 70-74 	<p>MAT006**</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I Regents: 0-49, • Algebra I HS Grade: 50-59 and • HS Math Course Average: 0-69 	<p>MAT001</p>

*MAT009 placement should be provided only if RDG098 is satisfied and MAT111 is not required for the student's curriculum. The MAT009 placement can be met by MAT007 or MAT009. **The MAT006 placement can be met by MAT001 and MAT007.

Higher-level Math Placement*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra II HS Grade ≥ 75 • Algebra II Regents: 75-84 • HS Precalculus: 75-79 	<p>PM45</p>	<p>MAT124</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra II Regents ≥ 85 • HS Precalculus: 80-84 • HS Calculus: 65-79 	<p>PM55</p>	<p>MAT126</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS Pre-calculus ≥ 85 • HS Calculus ≥ 80 	<p>PM60</p>	<p>MAT141</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Calculus AB: 3-5 • AP Calculus BC: 3 	PM65	MAT142, MAT205, MAT210
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Calculus BC: 4-5 	PM70	MAT200 or higher

*Students currently taking pre-calculus or calculus, desiring a higher placement, will need to return to counseling with their final grade.

Science Placement

Score	Placement	Purpose
65 HS Average in Chemistry	CHEM	Prerequisite for CHE120.
80 HS Average in Chemistry within last 3 years	CHEB	Prerequisite for CHE120 and BIO150.
85 HS Average or Regents in Living Environment - within last 5 years	BIOB	Science prerequisite for BIO130.

Half-year high school courses or non-lab courses may not be equivalent. Contact the appropriate academic chair for further guidance.

ESL Advising Guide

2019-2020

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CLEP Exam

Students can receive up to 12 college credits in French, German or Spanish by taking a CLEP Exam.

See <https://www.sunysuffolk.edu/apply-enroll/transfer-students/CLEP/index.jsp> for details.

Both the Reading and the Writing tests are required of self-identifying ESL students.

Reading

Comprehension

Score	Placement
250-300	College Level
227-249	ESL012
200-226	ESL011

Writing/Grammar*

Reading Score	Writeplacer Score	Placement
250- 300	6-8	College Level
227-249	5-6	ESL014 and ESL018

200-226	1-4	ESL013 and ESL017
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***In cases of disparity between the placement levels, refer to an ESL advisor. If an ESL advisor is not available, assign the lower writing and grammar placement.**

- You have two ways to determine if students need ESL classes. One is by their paperwork. The other is during your face-to-face meeting with them. Accurate placement is a major factor in persistence and success of our ESL students.

Paperwork

Foreign Transcript:

If the student graduated high school or college in a foreign country (where English is not the dominant language), they are required to have a NACES approved company (like WES or SpanTran) determine the US equivalent (HS diploma, college credits or degree).

Foreign Country listed on US HS transcript:

If the student spent any of their high school years in a foreign country (where English is not the dominant language), it will be listed on their transcript.

ESL or Bilingual Classes in HS:

Different school districts have different names for ESL (ENL, English as a New Language, is the newest), but these classes will be listed on their transcript.

Evidence of ESL Testing:

NY administers an English assessment test called NYSESLAT (**New York State ESL Achievement Test**). Other evidence could be a Regents Test administered in a foreign language or a discrepancy between a Global Studies score and Regents ELA score, i.e., Global Studies 85/Regents ELA 65.

Low CPT Scores:

If a student scores in the low 200s, it's worth taking a closer look at their paperwork to see if any of these other criteria exist. Often it might benefit the student to suggest the Non-Credit ESL classes to strengthen their skills prior to trying to take credit courses. (Referring to the ESL Advisor is recommended at that point).

Face-to-Face Meeting:

Difficulty Speaking / Understanding:

If the student seems uncomfortable or unsure speaking English, this is a good indication they could be an ESL student.

Interpreter Present:

If the student does have difficulty understanding or expressing themselves in English, they may bring a friend or family member to assist them.

This quick guide is intended to help. If you are still not sure, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Suffolk County Community College College-Wide Retest Policy 2013-2014

If a student has taken the Computerized Placement Test (CPT) and has not begun the course(s) into which he/she has been placed, and requests a retest for all or part of the CPT, the following guidelines will be used when considering the request:

Students placed into any developmental course:

- Students with an unweighted high school GPA of 75 or above may be retested in any discipline.
- Students must wait two weeks before retesting (can be waived if close to semester start date).
- A student may only be retested once on all or part of the CPT.
- Students should be directed to use the following practice website/study app before retesting:
<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/>

Students without a HS GPA of 75 or above:

Students who place into second-level reading (RDG099) or English (ENG010):

- Students with a Regents exam grade of 85 or higher on Global Studies, U.S. History, or Earth Science can be retested on the WritePlacer portion of the CPT.
- Students with a grade of 75 or higher on the Global Studies Regents examination can be retested on the reading portion of the CPT.

Students who place into first-level reading (RDG098/096) or English (ENG009):

- Students with a Regents exam grade of 65 or higher on Global Studies, U.S. History, or Earth Science can be retested in reading or English.

Students who place into developmental mathematics at any level (MAT001/MAT006/MAT007/MAT009):

- Students with a Regents exam grade of 85 or higher on the Algebra I Regents (or Math A Regents) can be retested in math.
- Students should be directed to use math practice websites before retesting:
 1. <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/>
 2. www.coolmath.com
 3. www.math.com
 4. www.purplemath.com
 5. www.algebrahelp.com

Retest Policy

A student may only be retested once on all or part of the CPT.

75 unweighted GPA	Retest in any section
Global, U.S., or Earth Science – 85	Retest in WritePlacer
Global Regents – 75	Retest in Reading
Global, U.S., or Earth Science – 65	Retest in Reading or WritePlacer if at firstlevel (RDG098/ENG009)
1 Math Regents – 85	Retest in Math

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Foreign Language Placement Guidelines

HS Course	Time Since Completion	Course or Regents Grade	Placement	Recommend Course
Level IV or higher	Less than 1 year	B- or higher	SPN4/ITL4/FRE4	202 or higher
		C+ or lower	SPN3/ITL3/FRE3	201
	1 year	A- or higher	SPN4/ITL4/FRE4	201 or 202
		B+ or lower	SPN3/ITL3/FRE3	102 or 201
	2 or 3 years	B- or higher	SPN3/ITL3/FRE3	102 or 201
		C+ or lower	SPN2/ITL2/FRE2	101 or 102
	4 years or more	A- or higher	SPN2/ITL2/FRE2	101 or 102
		B+ or lower	None	101
Level III or higher	Less than 2 years	B- or higher	SPN3/ITL3/FRE3	102 or 201
		C+ or lower	SPN2/ITL2/FRE2	101 or 102
	2 or 3 years	B- or higher	SPN2/ITL2/FRE2	101 or 102
		C+ or lower	None	101

	4 years or more	A- or higher	SPN2/ITL2/FRE2	101 or 102
		B+ or lower	None	101
Level I or II	Less than 1 year	B- or higher	SPN2/ITL2/FRE2	101 or 102
		C+ or lower	None	101
	1 year or more	A- or higher	SPN2/ITL2/FRE2	101 or 102
		B+ or lower	None	101

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Ability to Benefit (ATB)

Applicants without an approved high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED or TASC) can apply for admission under Ability to Benefit. Students must take the **original CPT** and achieve the minimum scores in all sections listed below in one test setting. Within any three-month period, ATB candidates are permitted an initial test and one retest. A student may retest only after 14 days have elapsed from the initial test day. Candidates pursuing a second retest must receive administrative approval and wait three months from the date of the initial test. A subsequent retest may occur only after 30 days from the second retest. Students must complete the entire exam during each test session.

Students who pass the CPT would then be matriculated into a degree program through the admissions process and may be eligible for financial aid through New York State (TAP or A.P.T.S.). Students who are admitted under Ability to Benefit are not eligible for Federal Financial Aid (Pell, SEOG, Student Loans).

Passing Scores

Reading Comprehension – 233

Writing – 235

Arithmetic – 230

Score	Placement	Courses to Take
CPT: 250-300	ENG101	ENG101
CPT: 223-249	ENG010 or ENG100	ENG100, ENG010, ENG012*

CPT: 200-222	ENG009/ENG011	ENG009/ENG011**
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*ENG012 is offered only at the Ammerman Campus as a co-requisite to ENG101. RDG098 is a prerequisite.

**ENG011 is only offered at Grant. Students who successfully complete ENG011 will enroll in ENG100.

After completing **24 college-level credits** in the subject categories listed below, students can apply to New York State Department of Education for an equivalency diploma. For a complete list of courses meeting each category, view a “What-If” in Degree Works and choose “GED – High School Equivalency” under Degree.

English Language Arts English Composition English Literature Speech Creative Writing	[6 credits]	Mathematics Math Calculus Statistics Business Math Technical Math	[3 credits]
Natural Science Biology Chemistry Physics Earth Science Geology Botany Zoology	[3 credits]	Social Science History Sociology Psychology Economics Political Science Labor Studies	[3 credits]
Humanities Literature Foreign Languages Art History/Art Appreciation Music Appreciation Theatre Philosophy Religion	[3 credits]	College Degree Program Requirements	[6 credits]

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High School Equivalency Placement

GED

(2022-present)

Test Section	Passing GED	Score for College Level Placement
Math Reasoning or Science	145	165 (MAT101)
Reasoning Through Language Arts	145	165 (ENG101)
Reasoning Through Language Arts or Social Studies	145	165 (RDG101)

TASC

(2014-2021)

Test Section	Passing GED	Score for College Level Placement
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Writing	500	580 (ENG101)
Reading or Social Studies	500	560 (RDG101)
Mathematics	500	560 (MAT101)

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Advanced Placement Equivalencies			
Advanced Placement Test	Score	Cr.	Equivalent Courses
Art, 2D Art and Design	3,4,5	3	ART130
Art, 3D Art and Design	3,4,5	3	ART210
Art, Drawing	3,4,5	6	ART133, ART134
Art Studio, General	3,4,5	6	2 ARTTRA
Art History	3,4,5	6	ART111, ART112
Biology	3,4,5	4	BIO150
Calculus AB	3,4,5	4	MAT141
Calculus BC	3	4	MAT141
Calculus BC	4,5	8	MAT141, MAT142

Chemistry	3,4,5	8	CHE133, CHE134
Chinese	3,4,5	6	CHI101, CHI102
Computer Science A or AB	3,4,5	3-4	CSE118 (or CST112)
Computer Science Principles	3,4,5	4	CST111
Macroeconomics	3,4,5	3	ECO111
Microeconomics	3,4,5	3	ECO112
English Lang/Comp	3,4,5	6	ENG101, ENGTRA
English Lit/Comp	3,4,5	6	ENG101, ENG102
Environmental Science	3,4,5	4	ENV101
European History	3,4,5	6	HIS101, HIS102
French Language	3	6	FRE101, FRE102
French Language	4	6	FRE102, FRE201
French Language	5	6	FRE201, FRE202
Geography, Human	5,4,3	3	GEO102
German Language	3	6	GER101, GER102
German Language	4	6	GER102, GER201
German Language	5	6	GER201, GER202
Govt. & Politics-Comparative	3,4,5	3	POL107
Govt. & Politics-US	3,4,5	3	POL105
Italian Language	3	6	ITL101, ITL102
Italian Language	4	6	ITL102, ITL201
Italian Language	5	6	ITL201, ITL202
Japanese Language	3	6	JPN101, JPN102
Japanese Language	4	6	JPN102, JPN201
Japanese Language	5	6	JPN201, JPN202
Music	3,4,5	3	MUS122
Physics 1	3,4,5	4	PHY101
Physics 2	3,4,5	4	PHY102
Physics B	3,4,5	8	PHY101, PHY102
Physics C - Mechanics	3,4,5	4	PHY130/132
Physics C - Electricity/Magnetism	3,4,5	4	PHY230/232
Psychology	3,4,5	3	PSY101
Research	3,4,5	3	LAETRA
Seminar	3,4,5	3	LAETRA
Spanish Language	3	6	SPN101, SPN102
Spanish Language	4	6	SPN102, SPN201
Spanish Language	5	6	SPN201, SPN202
Spanish Literature	3,4,5	3	SPN222
Statistics	3,4,5	3	MAT103
United States History	3,4,5	6	HIS103, HIS104
World History: Modern	3,4,5	6	HISTRA, HISTRB

AP Equivalency: [College Board](#), [Stony Brook](#), [Farmingdale](#), [St. Joseph's College](#), [Old Westbury](#)

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Suffolk County Community College				
International Baccalaureate (IB)*				
Curriculum	Title	Grade	Equiv. Credits	Code

Group 1	English A1	4, 5	ENG101 & ENGTRA (6)	ENG A1A
Best Language		6, 7	ENG101 & ENG102 (6)	ENG A1B
Group 2	Language A	4, 5	SPN220/FRETRA/GERTRA (3)	SPN/FRE/GER A1
Second Language		6, 7	SPN220&TRA/FRETRA/GERTRA (6)	SPN/FRE/GER A2
	Language B	4, 5	SPN101/FRE101/GER101 (3)	SPN/FRE/GER B1
		6, 7	SPN101-102/FRE101-102/GER101-	SPN/FRE/GER B2
Group 3	Business & Management	4, 5, 6, 7	102BUS (6)201 (3)	BUS MGT
	Economics	4, 5, 6, 7	ECO101 (3)	ECO A
	Geography	4, 5, 6, 7	GEOTRA (3)	GEO A
	History - Americas	4, 5, 6, 7	HISTRA (3)	HIS AMER
	History - Africa		HISTRA (3)	HIS AFR
	History - East, SE Asia,		HISTRA (3)	HIS SEA
	OceaniaHistory - Europe, Russia		HISTRA (3)	HIS EUR
	History - S. Asia,		HISTRA (3)	HIS SA/ME
	MideastIslamic History		HISTRA (3)	HIS ISLAM
	Information Tech	4, 5	CST101 (4)	CST INFOTEC
		6, 7	CST101 (4)	CST INFOTEC
	Philosophy	4, 5, 6, 7	PHL101 (3)	PHL A
	Psychology	4, 5	PSY101 (3)	PSY A
		6, 7	PSY101 & PSYTRA (6)	PSY B
	Soc/Cult Anthropology	4, 5, 6, 7	ANT101 (3)	ANT CULT
Group 4	Biology	4, 5	BIO150 (4)	BIO A
		6, 7	BIO150 (4)	BIO B
	Chemistry	4, 5	CHE133 (4)	CHE A
		6, 7	CHE133 & CHE134 (8)	CHE B
	Design Technology	4, 5, 6, 7	GSTTRA (3)	GSE DES
	Environmental Systems	4, 5, 6, 7	ENVTRA (3)	ENV SYS
	Physics	4, 5	PHY101 (4)	PHY A
		6, 7	PHY101 (4)	PHY B
Group 5	Mathematics SL/HL	4, 5	MAT126 (4)	MAT HLA
		6, 7	MAT126 & 141 (8)	MAT HLB
	Mathematical Studies SL	4, 5	MAT111 (4)	MAT STUDIESA
		6, 7	MAT111 & MAT124 (8)	MAT STUDIESB
		OR	MAT111 & MAT103 (8)	MAT STUDIESC
	Computer Science	4, 5, 6, 7	CSTTRA (3)	CST A
	Music	4, 5, 6, 7	MUS101 (3)	MUS A
	Dance	4, 5, 6, 7	THRTRA (3)	THR A
	Visual Arts	4, 5, 6, 7	ART101 (3)	ART A
	Film	4, 5, 6, 7	CIN114 (3)	FILM A

***If student received an IB Diploma, we can accept SL as well as HL courses with a score of 4 or better.**

***If student received an IB Certificate, we can accept only HL courses with a score of 4 or better.**

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Test

CLEP Course Equivalents
Equivalent Course/Credits

Introductory Business Law	LAW111 (3)
Financial Accounting	ACC101 (3)
Information Systems	CST111 (4)
Management, Principles of	BUS201 (3)
Marketing, Principles of	MKT101 (3)
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	ENG102 (3)
English Literature	ENGTRB (3)
American Literature	ENGTRB (3)
College Composition	ENG101 (3)
College Composition (Modular)	N/A
Humanities	HUMTRA (3)
French Language - Level 1	FRE101 & FRE102 (6)
French Language - Level 2	FRE101, FRE102, FRE201 (9)
German Language - Level 1	GER101 & GER102 (6)
German Language - Level 2	GER101, GER102, GER201 (9)
Spanish Language - Level 1	SPN101 & SPN102 (6)
Spanish Language - Level 2	SPN101, SPN102, SPN201 (9)
Spanish with Writing - Level 2	SPN101, SPN102, SPN201, SPN202 (12)
Psychology, Introductory	PSY101 (3)
Educational Psychology, Introductory	PSY220 (3)
Human Growth and Development	PSY210 (3)
Sociology, Introductory	SOC101 (3)
Social Sciences and History	SSETRA (6)
History of the United States I	HIS103 (3)
History of the United States II	HIS104 (3)
Western Civilization I	HIS101 (3)
Western Civilization II	HIS102 (3)
American Government	POL105 (3)
Macroeconomics, Principles of	ECO111 (3)
Microeconomics, Principles of	ECO112 (3)
Biology	BIOTRA & BIOTRA (6)
Chemistry	CHETRA & CHETRA (6)
Natural Sciences	SCETRA (6)
Calculus	MAT141 (4)
College Algebra	MAT111 (4)
Precalculus	MAT126 (4)
College Mathematics	MAT101 (3)

1. A passing grade of 50 is required to receive credit. Level 2 Language tests have a higher passing grade (59 in French, 60 in German, 63 in Spanish, 65 in Spanish with Writing). You will not be given credit at Suffolk for a [CLEP exam](#) if you previously passed the course at Suffolk or received transfer credit for that course.
2. Students will receive a copy of the CLEP score on the day of the test (College Composition will be mailed). Please wait one month from when you indicated the results of the exam be sent to SCCC for the credit to be applied to the Suffolk transcript. You will receive a letter when the credits have been posted.
3. **CLEP Equivalencies:** [College Board](#), [Farmingdale](#)