College Placement Guidelines
2024-2025
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Reading Placement

• College-level English, history, or social science (e.g., AP ≥ 3, IB ≥ 4, transfer course ≥ C) • HS GPA ≥ 80 • Course average ≥ 80 (English or social studies) • Regents Exam ≥ 80 (English or either social studies) • SAT Reading & Writing ≥ 550, Reading subscore ≥ 27 • ACT Reading ≥ 21	Waive Reading
• Course average: 75-79 (English or social studies) • Regents Exam: 75-79 (English or social studies)	RDG100 (Ammerman or Grant Campus)
• Course average: 70-79 (English or social studies) **and** • Regents Exam: 70-79 (English or social studies)	RDG099
• Course average ≤ 69 (English or social studies) **and** • Regents Exam ≤ 69 (English or social studies)	RDG098/RDG096*

*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

• College-level English, history, science, or social science (e.g., AP ≥ 3, IB ≥ 4, transfer course ≥ C) • HS GPA ≥ 75 • HS English Course Average ≥ 80	ENG101
• HS GPA ≤ 74 **and** • HS English Course Average: 70-79	ENG100 or ENG012*
• HS GPA ≤ 74 **and** • HS English Course Average ≤ 69	ENG010

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

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 or BIO150.

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

Mathematics Placement

• College-level Math (AP ≥ 3, IB ≥ 4, transfer course ≥ C) • SAT Math ≥ 530 (510 pre-March 2016) • ACT Math ≥ 21	MAT101-MAT112 Higher-level placements are below. Determine course based on HS math and intended major.

• HS GPA: 65-79 & one of the following:
  • Algebra II Regents: 75-79
  • Algebra II HS Grade: 80-89
• HS GPA ≥ 80 & one of the following:
  • Geometry Regents ≥ 80
  • Geometry HS Grade ≥ 90
  • Algebra II Regents: 65-74
  • Algebra II HS Grade: 80-85
• HS Precalculus: 65-74	

• HS GPA: 65-79 & one of the following:
  • Geometry Regents ≥ 80
  • Geometry HS Grade ≥ 90
  • Algebra II Regents: 65-74
  • Algebra II HS Grade: 65-84
• HS GPA ≥ 80 & one of the following:
  • Geometry Regents: 65-79
  • Geometry HS Grade: 70-89
  • Algebra II HS Grade: 65-79
	MAT101-MAT112
	
	Or
	
	MAT007 or MAT009
	
	(Use professional judgment based
	
	on student's academic history)

• HS GPA: 65-79 & one of the following:
  • Geometry Regents: 65-79
  • Geometry HS Grade: 65-89
• HS GPA ≥ 80 & one of the following:
  • Algebra I Regents ≥ 65
  • Algebra I HS Grade ≥ 85
• <u>Pass</u>: Integrated Algebra I, Integrated Algebra II, Algebra II Topics, College Algebra, Algebra II with Lab, Integrated Geometry, Business Math/Financial Literacy, Applied Math, Math 12, Advanced Math, Personal Finance, Wilson Tech Math, ELL Geometry, Statistics
	MAT007 or MAT009
	
	(MAT009 has a prerequisite of RDG098 and is not for programs requiring MAT111 or higher)

• HS GPA: 65-79 & one of the following:
  • Algebra I Regents ≥ 65
  • Algebra I HS Grade ≥ 85
• HS GPA ≥ 80 & one of the following:
  • Algebra I Regents: 0-64
  • Algebra I HS Grade: 0-84
	MAT006
	(can be met by MAT001 and MAT007)

• HS GPA: 65-79 & one of the following:
  • Algebra I Regents: 0-64
  • Algebra I HS Grade: 0-85
• HS GPA ≥ 80 & one of the following:
  • No HS Algebra I
	MAT001

Higher-level Math Placement*

• HS GPA: 65-79 & one of the following:
  • Algebra II Regents: 80-84
  • Algebra II HS Grade ≥ 90
• HS GPA ≥ 80 & one of the following:
  • Algebra II Regents: 75-84
  • Algebra II HS Grade ≥ 86
• HS Precalculus: 75-79
	PM45	MAT120/MAT124

• Algebra II Regents ≥ 85 • HS Precalculus: 80-84 • HS Calculus: 65-79	PM55	MAT129/MAT126
• HS Precalculus ≥ 85 • HS Calculus: 80-89	PM60	MAT141
• HS Calculus ≥ 90 • AP Calculus AB: 3-5 • AP Calculus BC: 3	PM65	MAT142, MAT205, MAT210
• AP Calculus BC: 4-5	PM70	MAT200 or higher

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

CPT Math Placement
(for ESL students, non-U.S. HS graduates, and ATB Program)

Scores	Course Placement	
Arithmetic CPT ≤ 236	MAT001	
Arithmetic CPT: 237-249	MAT006	
Arithmetic CPT ≥ 250	Needs MAT111 or higher OR RDG098 not satisfied	MAT007
	Needs MAT101-103 and RDG098 satisfied	MAT009
Algebra CPT ≥ 250	MAT101 (MAT101-MAT112)	

Notes:

1. The MAT006 placement can be met by MAT001 and MAT007.
2. The MAT009 placement can be met by MAT007 or MAT009.
3. MAT007 and MAT009 meet the same course prerequisites, except MAT009 requires the chair's permission to take MAT111.

ESL Advising Guide
2023-2024
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College Credits for Native Language

Students can receive up to 12 college credits in French, German or Spanish by taking a [CLEP Exam](). For most other languages, a student can receive up to 12 college credits by taking the Oral (OPI or OPIc) and Writing (WPT) [ACTFL]() assessments.

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

Reading Comprehension

Score	Placement
250-300	College Level
231-249	ESL012
220-230	ESL011
200-220	ELL or IEP

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

*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 (e.g., ENL, English as a New Language); these classes will often be listed on their transcript. Students who have been enrolled in ESL/ENL/BIL classes throughout high school into their junior and senior years often still need ESL classes. However, if a student has lived in the US prior to high school and attended elementary/junior high/middle school in the US, this will often indicate a *developmental rather than ESL placement*.

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 (confirmed verbally) or a discrepancy between a Global Studies score and Regents ELA score, i.e., Global Studies 85/Regents ELA 65.

- ESL/BIL in HS and Regents ELA 70-79: ESL012/014/018 recommended
- ESL/BIL in HS and Regents ELA 60-69: ESL011/013/017 recommended
- ELA < 60: Non-credit ELL recommended

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.
- Ammerman: Rich Lauria, Ammerman 105, (631) 451-4692, lauriar@sunysuffolk.edu
- Eastern: Mary Shafer, Orient 132, (631) 548-2684, schafem@sunysuffolk.edu
- Grant: Bernadette Garcia, Asharoken 132, (631) 851-6536, garciab@sunysuffolk.edu

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 first-level (RDG098/ENG009)
1 Math Regents – 85	Retest in Math

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World Languages Placement Guidelines & ACTFL

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

ACTFL Assessments (over 120 languages)

ACTFL Equivalencies			
Test	Min. Score	Cr.	Equivalent Courses
OPI or OPIc	Novice High	6	FLATR1 & FLATR2 (101-102)
WPT and (OPI or OPIc)	Intermediate High	9	FLATR1, FLATR2, & FLATR3 (101-102, 201)
WPT and (OPI or OPIc)	Advanced High	12	FLATR1, FLATR2, FLATR3, FLATR4 (101-102, 201-202)

The ACTFL language proficiency ratings are as follows in ascending order: Novice Low, Novice Mid, Novice High. Intermediate Low, Intermediate Mid, Intermediate High, Advanced Low, Advanced Mid, Advanced High, Superior.

Students must take the Oral (OPI or OPIc) and Writing (WPT) assessments to obtain the maximum number of credits.

Students can sign up for the exam here: https://www.languagetesting.com/

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 entire **original CPT** exam and achieve the minimum scores in all sections listed below. A student may retest only after 14 days have elapsed from a previous test date. A student may choose to retest only in the exam(s) that they did not pass.

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 APTS). 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**

*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]**

High School Equivalency Placement

GED
(2022-present)

Test Section	Score	College Level Placement
Math Reasoning or Science	165-200	MAT101
Reasoning Through Language Arts	165-200	ENG101
Reasoning Through Language Arts or Social Studies	165-200	RDG101

*A score of 145 on each section is a passing score for the GED.

TASC
(2014-2021)

*A score of 500 on each section is passing for the TASC.

Test Section	Score	College Level Placement
Writing	580-800	ENG101
Reading or Social Studies	560-800	RDG101
Mathematics	560-800	MAT101

Advanced Placement Equivalencies			
Advanced Placement Test	**Score**	**Cr.**	**Equivalent Courses**
African American Studies	3,4,5	3	HISTRC
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 (no longer offered)	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	4	CHE133
Chinese	3,4,5	6	CHI101, CHI102
Comparative Government. & Politics	3,4,5	3	POL107
Computer Science A or AB	3,4,5	3-4	CSE118 (or CST112)
Computer Science Principles	3,4,5	4	CST111
English Language and Composition	3,4,5	6	ENG101, ENGTRA
English Literature and Composition	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	3,4,5	3	GEO102
German Language	3,4,5	6	GER101, GER102
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
Latin Language	3,4,5	6	LAT101, LAT102
Macroeconomics	3,4,5	3	ECO111
Microeconomics	3,4,5	3	ECO112
Music Theory	3,4,5	3	MUS122
Physics 1	3,4,5	4	PHY118
Physics 2	3,4,5	4	PHY119
Physics B (no longer offered)	3,4,5	8	PHY118, PHY119
Physics C - Mechanics	3,4,5	4	PHY130/132
Physics C - Electricity/Magnetism	3,4,5	4	PHY230/232
Precalculus	3,4,5	4	MAT129
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	SPNTRA
Statistics	3,4,5	3	MAT103
U.S. Government & Politics	3,4,5	3	POL105
United States History	3,4,5	6	HIS103, HIS104
World History: Modern	3,4,5	6	HISTRB, HISTRD

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	SPN/FRE/GER 101-102 (6)	SPN/FRE/GER B2
Group 3	Business & Management	4, 5, 6, 7	BUS201 (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	HISTRC (3)	HIS AMER
	History - Africa		HISTRA (3)	HIS AFR
	History - East, SE Asia,		HISTRA (3)	HIS SEA
	History - Europe, Russia		HISTRA (3)	HIS EUR
	History - S. Asia,		HISTRA (3)	HIS SA/ME
	Islamic 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	PHY118 (4)	PHY A
		6, 7	PHY130/PHY132 (4)	PHY B
Group 5	Mathematics SL/HL	4, 5	MAT129 (4)	MAT HLA
		6, 7	MAT129 & 141 (8)	MAT HLB
	Mathematical Studies SL	4, 5	MAT111 (4)	MAT STUDIESA
		6, 7	MAT111 & MAT120 (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
	Theatre	4, 5, 6, 7	THR151 (3)	THEA 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.

CLEP Course Equivalents	
Test	**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	MAT129 (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