

Accuplacer

Under NDSU policy 402.1.2, placement scores are required for enrollment in entry level, degree credit courses in English and Math (e.g. College Composition I, College Algebra, Finite Math, Elementary Statistics, Precalculus, Applied Calculus, and Calculus I). Students who do not achieve the required ACT score may take a placement test to qualify for the course. The Compass placement tool was discontinued effective November 30, 2016. MSU adopted Accuplacer to replace the Compass for Math and English placement testing.

Accuplacer uses an online format. The test questions are based on responses to each question already answered. Questions increase or decrease in difficulty depending on the answers as the student works through the test. Accuplacer tests are untimed, and results are available immediately. Tools and resources to prepare for testing are available for students at [Accuplacer Student Practice](#).

The following chart includes the Accuplacer placement scores for English (Writeplacer Test) and Math (Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, and College Level Math Test). This information is subject to change by the ND University System or Minot State University, without further notice.

| Writeplacer (for English) | |
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| Test Score | Course Placement |
| 0-3 | ASC 87 College Writing Prep |
| 4 | ENGL 110 College Composition I + ASC 88 Composition Lab |
| 5-8 | ENGL 110 College Composition |

| Math | |
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| Arithmetic Test | Course Placement |
| 0-120 | ASC 94 Beginning Algebra |
| Elementary Algebra Test Score | Course Placement |
| 0-59 | ASC 94 Beginning Algebra |
| 60-75 | ASC 93 Intermediate Algebra |
| 76-120 | MATH 103 College Algebra MATH 104 Finite Math MATH 210 Elementary Statistics |
| College Level Math Test Score | Course Placement |
| 50-85 | MATH 103 College Algebra MATH 104 Finite Math MATH 210 Elementary Statistics |
| 86-99 | MATH 107 Precalculus MATH 146 Applied Calculus |
| 100-120 | MATH 165 Calculus I |

There is a \$20 administration fee to take the Accuplacer exam at the MSU Academic Testing Center. An additional \$10 is charged if more than one test is being administered during the same testing session (i.e. Math and English). The fee is waived for MSU and DCB students for the first two attempts. After the first two attempts, regular fees will apply. Appointments are required for testing and can be made by calling the testing center at 701-858-3830. The testing center is located in the Center for Extended Learning on the 3rd floor of the Administration building.