

# Course Placement

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## Course Placement and Placement Testing

All students who are beginning college-level course work in **English, Mathematics, World Languages and Cultures**, and **Chemistry** are placed at the level best suited to their academic preparation and background. Initial placements are determined by a combination of factors depending on the subject area. ACT scores and high school grades determine placement in English. Students who were placed into EH 101S may opt to take the Composition Placement Test for entry into EH 101. Students may call Testing Services at 256.824.6725 to schedule an appointment to take the Composition Placement Test. This test may only be taken once.

ACT scores, AP Calculus exam scores and/or previous college level mathematics courses (which have been accepted by the Math Department for transfer credit) determine placement in Mathematics. Students who have no means of math placement can take the Mathematics Placement Test. See here (<http://www.uah.edu/science/departments/math/undergraduate-students/placement>) for online test registration. This test may be taken twice.

ACT Math scores determine placement in Chemistry.

Students with prior knowledge of French, German, or Spanish may demonstrate competence at an advanced level in five ways:

1. performance on a computer based placement test,
2. high school coursework,
3. CLEP examination,
4. AP examination, or
5. native language experience.

Students should contact the World Languages and Cultures department at 256.824.6871 or 256.824.1022 to inquire about their placement policies.

Students will be notified at the time of the tests when they can expect to receive the test results. There is no charge for the Chemistry Placement Test, Composition Placement Test, Foreign Language Placement Test or the Mathematics Placement Test. If a student has not received initial course placements before enrollment, he or she should contact the Office of Admissions.

## Credit by Examination

UAH recognizes credit by examination and credit for several types of out-of-class experiences. Credit hours earned by examination and/or out-of-class experiences are not considered UAH institutional coursework, and therefore, may not be applied towards fulfillment of:

- the minimum of 50 percent of the coursework required to earn a bachelor's degree that must be earned at a bachelor's degree granting institution (four-year college or university)
- the minimum of 25 percent of the coursework required for the degree that must be earned in residence at The University of Alabama in Huntsville

There are four alternatives by which a student may gain credit through examination at UAH:

1. departmental examinations,
2. the Advanced Placement (AP) Program,
3. the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or
4. International Baccalaureate (IB).

Credit by examination is not granted in the following cases:

1. if a student has been enrolled in a comparable course for more than three weeks,
2. to remove a failure already recorded for a course, or
3. to satisfy the residency requirement for graduation.

## Credit by Department Examination

Departmental examinations for credit in specific courses may be given by a department upon application by the student and with the approval of the Department Chair. Students may apply for such a test if they have taken college-level work in secondary school, in a non-collegiate class or on a tutorial basis, or through private study. Credit, if awarded, will be recorded without grades or quality points and will not, therefore, be included in calculation of the grade point average. The amount of credit allowable through departmental examinations is determined by the appropriate academic dean and the department chair concerned.

Departments offering credit by examination on tests constructed by the department:

Biological Sciences	Contact Department Chair
Civil Engineering	CE 211, CE 284
Computer Science	All 100 and 200 level courses
Electrical and Computer Engineering	CPE 211
Foreign Languages	Contact Department Chair
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering	MAE 211
Music	MU 100, MU 201, MU 203
Philosophy	PHL 201, PHL 320
Physics	PH 111, PH 112
Psychology	PY 300, PY 302

## Advanced Placement Program

Several UAH departments award credit to students who have earned designated scores on Advanced Placement (AP) Program examinations of the College Entrance Examination Board. AP examinations are usually taken at the end of an AP-designed course of study in high school. If awarded, credit will be recorded without grades or quality points and will not, therefore, be included in calculation of the grade point average. Students should apply for credit through the Office of the Registrar. Official scores may be requested at [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org). UAH AP code: 1854. Scores presented on transcripts from other institutions cannot be evaluated. To view AP Exam scores and the equivalent credit please visit [http://www.uah.edu/images/admissions/Admissions/Documents/AP\\_IB.pdf](http://www.uah.edu/images/admissions/Admissions/Documents/AP_IB.pdf).

## Math Placement Table

Math ACT	Math SAT	Placement Test	AP Calculus Test Score	Placement	Equivalent Math Course (dependent on major)
0-19	480 or less	<25%	NA	Level 0	MA 107L, MA 110L, MA 112L
20-24	480-570	>25% and <50%	NA	Level 1	MA 107, MA 110, MA 112
25-26	580-610	>50% and <75%	NA	Level 2	MA 113, MA 115, MA 120
27-36	620-800	>75%	NA	Level 3	MA 171
NA	NA	NA	3 (either AB or BC test)	NA	MA 172 (credit for MA 171)
NA	NA	NA	4 or 5 (only the BC test)	NA	MA 201 (credit for MA 172)

Please note that the equivalent mathematics course is the course that the student must enroll in based upon placement.

## College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a national program under which a student can receive credit for college level achievement. Anyone who has practical knowledge in an area through independent study, work experience, cultural exposure, or intensive reading, may take these tests. The policy for CLEP credit varies with each institution. The policies listed herein are those of UAH. See [www.uah.edu/testing](http://www.uah.edu/testing) for test dates, fees, and registration.

Credit by CLEP examination is allowed if the appropriate academic department has approved the CLEP test for use by the University. Credit awarded for CLEP examinations will be recorded on the student's record without grades or quality points and will not, therefore, be included in calculation of the grade point average. If a student does not pass a CLEP test, no record is placed on his or her transcript. Examinations may be retaken six months after initial testing.

Students should check with their program of study and their academic advisor to determine which, if any, CLEP examinations they may take to satisfy either free elective or degree requirements.

Listed below are UAH courses in which a student may receive CLEP credit, along with specific CLEP test titles and minimum score requirements.

Course Number	CLEP Subject Test Title	Minimum Score Required
<b>Composition and Literature</b>		
EH 101	College Composition Modular	50 and proficient performance on College Composition Modular Essay
EH 102 <sup>1</sup>	College Composition Modular	65 and superior performance on College Composition Modular Essay

**Science**

CH 121, CH 123, CH 125, CH 126	General Chemistry	48 (Recommended student take the Chemistry Placement Test first)
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**World Languages and Cultures**

WLC 101 (French)	College French	48
WLC 101 - WLC 102 (French)	College French	50
WLC 101 (German)	College German	48
WLC 101 - WLC 102 (German)	College German	50
WLC 101 (Spanish)	College Spanish	48
WLC 101 - WLC 102 (Spanish)	College Spanish	50

**History and Social Science**

HY 101	Western Civilization I	56 (plus A/B on departmental essay)
HY 102	Western Civilization II	56 (plus A/B on departmental essay)
HY 221	History of the United States, Part I	60 (plus A/B on departmental essay)
HY 222	History of the United States, Part II	60 (plus A/B on departmental essay)
SOC 100	Introductory Sociology	50
PSC 101	American Government	50 (with essay)
PY 101	Introductory Psychology	60

**Business**

ACC 211	Financial Accounting	65
ECN 142	Principles of Macroeconomics	50
ECN 143	Principles of Microeconomics	50
MIS 146	Information Systems & Computer Applications	50

<sup>1</sup> Students who have already completed EH 101 or a comparable course are not eligible to take the CLEP test for EH 102. CLEP tests must be taken in a student's first term.

**International Baccalaureate (IB)**

The University of Alabama in Huntsville recognizes International Baccalaureate (IB) credit with a score of 5, 6, or 7 on the higher-level examinations. IB score reports should be sent to the UAH Office of Admissions for evaluation. Additional credit may be awarded on a course by course basis as approved by the department. Some departments may award credit based on the subsidiary examinations. The academic unit responsible for the student's program of study will determine the application of credits toward specific degree requirements. If awarded, credits will be recorded without grades or quality points, and will not, therefore, be included in the calculation of grade point average.

International Baccalaureate Course	Higher Level Exam Score	Semester Credit	UAH Course Equivalent	Comments
Anthropology	5-7	3	SOC 105	
Art History	5-7	6	ARH 100, ARH 101	
Art Studio	5-7	6	ARS 123 & ARS 140 or ARS 106 & ARS 260	Depending on Portfolio
Biology	5-7	8	BYS 119, BYS 120	
Chemistry	5-6	4	CH 101, CH 105	
	7	8	CH 101/CH 105, CH 201/CH 205	
Computer Science	5-7	3	CS 100	
Economics	5-6	3	ECN 142	
	7	6	ECN 142, ECN 143	
English	5-6	3	EH 101	
	7	6	EH 101, EH 102	
Geography	5-7	3	GY 110	
History, Europe	5-7	3	HY 102	
History, US	5-7	6	HY 221, HY 222	
History, World	5-7	6	HY 103, HY 104	
Languages: French, German, Spanish	5-7	15	WLC 101, WLC 102, WLC 201, WLC 202, WLC 301	

Mathematics	5-6	4	MA 171
	7	8	MA 171, MA 172
Music	5-7	3	MU 100
Philosophy	5-7	3	PHL 101
Physics	5-7	8	PH 101, PH 102
Psychology	5-7	6	PY 101, PY 102
Theater Arts	5-7	3	TH 122

## **Instructional and Testing Services**

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This office provides high-quality test administration and assessment services for UAH Faculty and students. It subscribes to and abides by the professional standards and guidelines for post-secondary test centers, as adopted by the National College Testing Association. Testing Services offers a variety of services for the UAH Instructors and UAH students including Online Learning exams, proctoring make-up exams, and deferred finals.