Placement Assessments

Success at Temple University does not follow one particular pathway, as our students are varied and diverse in their backgrounds. For incoming students, it is important that they start on the right track, beginning with determining the appropriate courses for their first semester. Placement Assessments are offered in English, Math, and Foreign Languages.

Some incoming students may be placed into courses using their SAT, ACT or AP scores while others will need to take placement assessments. Only scores from tests taken up to two years prior to the start of the incoming student’s first semester are considered for course placement. If a student was admitted under the Temple Option, or has not submitted SAT, ACT or AP scores to Temple University, an assessment is required.

A student may choose to take an assessment if they feel their SAT, ACT or AP scores are not representative of their knowledge. If a student has more than one course placement, the student may take the highest course into which they place.

Placement Assessment results are valid for two years from the start of the term for which they were taken. Current students who need to take or retake a placement assessment should contact their advisor.

Students who take a course in the math sequence (Math 0702, 1021, 1022, 1041/1941) are bound by their performance in the course for future course eligibility (rather than performance on previous or future placement assessments).

For more information about Placement Assessments, go to the Institutional Research and Assessment web site at http://www.temple.edu/ira/exam-services/placement-assessments.html.