I. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to identify the process by which students are placed in the appropriate level English, reading, and mathematics courses. Arkansas state law requires that all first-time entering degree or technical certificate-seeking students demonstrate proficiency in these areas or be placed in courses/programs that will help students prepare for college-level coursework. The minimum test scores used for placement were established by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education. A student may retest on one or more sections of a placement exam after a minimum of 14 days in order to allow time for the person to study before attempting the exam again. Placement score requirements are as follows:

II. Definitions

N/A

III. Procedure

A. Reading Course Placement

| Course | ACT Reading | Accuplacer Next Generation Reading | GED Reasoning Through Language Arts |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| College Level Courses | 19-36 or | 237-300 | Minimum of 165 |
| | 13-18 with Approved High School GPA ¹ | | |
| Integrated Reading and Writing | 0-18 | 200-236 | Not Applicable ² |

^{**}Free Adult Education Program available to improve reading skills.

Students who test into Integrated Reading and Writing must enroll in the course during their first or second semester in college and each subsequent semester, if necessary until the course is completed with at least a grade of "C."

Integrated Reading and Writing is a prerequisite for English Composition I for students who score below 19 on the ACT Reading or below 237 on the Accuplacer Next Generation Reading, unless the student meets the high school GPA requirements. Students must successfully complete Integrated Reading and Writing with a "C" or better to enroll in English Composition I when test scores require.

¹High School Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher AND a grade of "B" or higher in English 12 (413000) or higher-level English course.

²Alternate placement examination scores required.

B. Reading Course Placement

| Course | ACT English & Reading | Accuplacer Next Generation | GED Reasoning | |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | | Writing & Reading | Through Language Arts | |
| College Level (English Composition I) | 19-36 | 250-300 in Writing | Minimum of 165 | |
| , | or | AND | | |
| | 13-18 with Approved High School GPA ³ | 237-300 in Reading | | |
| | AND | or | | |
| | 19-36 in Reading | 220-236 in Reading with Approved High School GPA ³ | | |
| | or | | | |
| | 13-18 in Reading with Approved High School GPA ³ | | | |
| English Composition I with Writing Studio | 13-18 | 237-249 | Not Applicable⁴ | |
| Integrated Reading and Writing | 0-18 | 200-236 | Not Applicable ⁴ | |
| Writing for the Workplace | 16 or higher | 237 or higher | Not Applicable ⁴ | |

³High School Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher AND a grade of "B" or higher in English 12 (413000) or higher-level English course.

⁴Alternate placement examination scores required.



C. Math Course Placement

| Course | ACT Math | Accuplacer Next Generation | GED Mathematical |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Quantitative Reasoning, | Reasoning |
| | | Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) | |
| College Level | 19-36 | 264-300 | Minimum of 165 |
| Mathematics | | | |
| (Quantitative | or | | |
| Literacy or College | | | |
| Algebra | 13-18 with Approved High School GPA ⁵ | | |
| College Level Math with Support** | 13-18 | 249-263 | Not Applicable ⁶ |
| Technical Math | 16 or higher | 248 or higher | Not Applicable ⁶ |
| Math for Healthcare Professions | 16 or higher | 248 or higher | Not Applicable ⁶ |
| Essentials of Math | 12-16 | 220-248 | Not Applicable ⁶ |

⁵High School Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher AND a grade of "B" or higher in Algebra II (432000) or higher-level math course.

D. Secondary Career Center

UACCB has a variety of courses available in the Secondary Career Center that high school students can participate in for free. Students need the following placement scores to participate:

| Subject | ACT | ACT Aspire | Next Generation Accuplacer |
|---------|-----|------------|----------------------------|
| Reading | 15 | 422 | 220 |
| Math | 12 | 426 | 200 |
| English | 16 | 421 | 237 |

Certificate of Proficiencies do not require college-level English and math. Technical Certificates, with the exception of CNA and EMT, require college-level English and math and minimum placement scores must be met as indicated in the charts.

⁶Alternate placement examination scores required.

^{**}College Algebra with co-requisite MTH 0001 Math Skills or Quantitative Literacy with co-requisite MTH 0021 Math for Life



E. GED College Ready + Credit

In 2019, UACCB adopted the GED College Ready and College Ready + Credit programs.

Through the GED College Ready program, those who have taken General Education Development, have scored a minimum of 165 and have demonstrated skills that are consistent with those required to be college and career readiness standards may earn a high school equivalency credential and be eligible to enroll directly in credit-bearing courses at UACCB.

Through the GED College Ready + Credit program, those who have taken GED and have scored a minimum of 175 and demonstrate some of the skills that are taught in college-level courses may be eligible for up to three credits in Math, three credits in science, three credits in social studies, and one credit in English.

Credit is awarded as follows:

| Title | College Ready Score | Plus Credit Score | Number of Credits | Course |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--|
| The 2014 GED® Test: Reasoning Through Language Arts College Ready + Credit | 165 and above | 175 and above | 3 semester credit hours | UNIV 10071 - Foundations of Personal Finance |
| The 2014 GED® Test: Mathematical Reasoning College Ready + Credit | 165 and above | 175 and above | 3 semester credit hours | MATH-11003 - College Algebra |
| The 2014 GED® Test: Science College Ready + Credit | 165 and above | 175 and above | 3 semester credit hours | PHSC 10043 - Physical Science (Lecture Only) |
| The 2014 GED® Test: Social Studies College Ready + Credit | 165 and above | 175 and above | 3 semester credit hours | SOCI 10103 - Principles of Sociology |

IV. Related Information

This procedure previously was a part of the Academic Catalog.

V. Revision History

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