

# ENGLISH PLACEMENT AT CENTRALIA COLLEGE

To help ensure that students take the English course that will best fit their skills and needs, Centralia College has multiple ways that students can be placed. If a student receives two different placements, the school will generally take the highest valid placement. This allows students to choose which of the following placement measures they think will best demonstrate their current writing skills.

## HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

- Students who graduated high school within the past two years may be placed using their high school transcript. Students must have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher.

If you took...	when you were a....	and you earned...	you would place into:
CORE English 10	Sophomore	C or better	ENGL 99 or WRT 105
		B or better	ENGL& 101
Honors English 10	Sophomore or Junior	C or better	ENGL 99 or WRT 105
		B or better	ENGL& 101
CORE English 11 (Lit. and Adv. Comp)	Junior	B or better	ENGL 99 or WRT 105
		A- or better	ENGL& 101
AP English Lang and Comp (11) or IB English I (11)	Junior or Senior	C or better	ENGL 99 or WRT 105
		B or better	ENGL& 101
CORE English 12 (Contemporary Lit. and Adv. Comp)	Senior	C or better	ENGL 99 or WRT 105
		B or better	ENGL& 101
AP English Lit and Comp (12) or IB English II (12)	Junior or Senior	C + or better	ENGL& 101
College Comp/Lit. (U of WA) – Engl 131	Senior	C or better	Credit for ENGL& 101

- Students who want to be placed into an English course using transcripts should deliver a copy of their transcripts to Enrollment Services in person or via email at [admissionsCC@centralia.edu](mailto:admissionsCC@centralia.edu)

## SMARTER BALANCED

- Smarter Balanced is a series of assessments that students may take in high school.
- Students who earn a 1 or 2 on the Smarter Balanced test can be placed into a pre-college English course.
- Students who earn a 3 or 4 on the Smarter Balanced test or an A or a B in a Bridge to College English course, may be placed into English 101.
- Students who want to be placed into an English course using Smarter Balanced should deliver a copy of their transcripts and test scores to Enrollment Services in person or via email at [admissionsCC@centralia.edu](mailto:admissionsCC@centralia.edu)

## PLACEMENT ESSAY EXAM

- Students will generally have 1 hour to plan and write a well-developed and organized essay in response to a prompt.
- The essay will generally be 400-500 words (approximately 2 pages), handwritten.
- During the exam, students may not have access to programs that check for grammar/spelling errors.
- Students should bring current photo ID to the Testing Center on the west side of the library building to take the test.
- This test is available on a first-come, first-served basis; no appointment is needed.
- There is no fee to take this exam.
- The essay exam is generally assessed by English faculty.

## ACCUPLACER NEXT GENERATION COLLEGE PLACEMENT TEST

- This test is computerized and adapts itself to a student's ability as questions are answered.
- The test is not timed, but students should allow for at least two hours.
- The following websites offer practice tests and guides:
  - <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>
  - <https://uniontestprep.com/accuplacer-test>
  - <https://www.mometrix.com/academy/accuplacer-test/>
  - <https://www.accuplacerpracticetest.com/>
- Students should bring current photo ID to the Testing Center on the west side of the library building to take the test. Information about the Testing Center's hours is available at:
  - <https://www.centralia.edu/resources/academic/testing.aspx>
- This test is available on a first-come, first-served basis; no appointment is needed.
- There is no fee to take this exam.

## OTHER WAYS TO PLACE

Students may also be placed based on:

- Placement exams taken at other colleges within the last 2 years
- English courses taken at other colleges
- Advanced Placement exam scores
- International Baccalaureate exam scores
- Completion of an ELA or ABE program and summative assessment (Levels 5 and 6)

Students who want to be placed into an English course using one of these methods, should deliver a copy of their transcripts to Enrollment Services in person or via email at [admissionsCC@centralia.edu](mailto:admissionsCC@centralia.edu)

### A FINAL NOTE:

- Students who earn at least a 2.0 in 5 credits of ENGL 099, WRT 105, or BTEC 221 at Centralia College can generally register for ENGL& 101.
- Placements can expire. To check if an old placement has expired, please contact Enrollment Services.
- The information here is only intended to give a general overview of placement and is subject to change.
- For additional information on placement and available courses, students should consult with their academic advisor.

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