



Do you need to take any tests?

Based on South Dakota Board of Regents placement policies, students are enrolled in certain Math, English and Reading courses. Course numbers starting with zero (ENGL 033, READ 041, MATH 021 and MATH 095) are remedial and do not count as college credit toward graduation.

- ENGL-033 and READ-041 must be passed before moving on to other courses in the series.
- All students have the option of beginning with MATH-101. MATH-021 and 095 are not required but may be *recommended* based on placement scores. Guidance for which math might suit your best can be found [here](#).
- READ-041 is waived for students who have already completed a baccalaureate degree.

Placement tests are online and should be taken prior to your registration day. Please call the NSU Testing Center in advance at 605-626-2029 for details.

You DO need to test:

- If you submitted SAT scores rather than ACT scores. You will need to take the ACCULACER Reading test if you wish to test out of READ-041. No fee is charged for this initial assessment.
- If your scores are more than five years old.
 - If your ACT or SAT English scores are not within 5 years, you will need to take the ACCUPLACER to determine English placement.
 - If your ACT Reading scores are not within 5 years, you will need to take the ACCUPLACER to determine Reading placement.
 - If your HS GPA is not within 5 years, you will need to take the ACCUPLACER for Math placement.No fee is charged for these assessments.
- If you wish to challenge your placement. A small fee is charged per exam.
 - For Reading and English, the ACCUPLACER exam is used.
 - For Math, a Challenge Index is calculated using the ACCUPLACER exam and your HS GPA. *Your HSGPA must be greater than 2.861 to improve your placement to MATH 103 or 114.*

You do NOT need to test:

- If you are satisfied with your placements, based on the [MATH PLACEMENT CHART](#) and [ENGLISH PLACEMENT CHART](#).
- If you have taken the AP Calculus exam and/or the AP Language/Comp exam and earn a score of 3 or higher. You will be awarded credit for Math 123 (Calculus) and ENGL 101 (Composition), respectively.
- If you have passed ENGL 033, 101, READ 041, MATH 021, 095, 101, 114 or higher math from a SD BOR university, while in high school. Placement will be based on courses passed.
- If you are transferring in an English 101 equivalent or a Math 101 or higher equivalent credit from non-BOR schools. Placement will be based on courses passed.



You should CONSIDER testing:

- If you place into ENGL 033, READ 041 or MATH 101 and have enrolled in math, English, or reading courses since testing, you may choose to challenge your placement by taking the ACCUPLACER test in applicable areas. A small fee is charged per exam.
- If a higher math placement is desired and you have a Math Index score of 1300 or a HS GPA of 3.55 or higher. You may choose to take the Math ACCUPLACER Calculus Readiness exam to see if you can take MATH 123 (Calculus) instead of lower math courses for your math requirement.

(You may also choose to take MATH 115 (Pre-calculus), MATH 120 (Trigonometry) or MATH 121 (Survey of Calculus) without an additional test. These courses also satisfy the gen ed math requirement).

These courses are often good options for someone planning to major in Mathematics or Chemistry, since these majors require some higher level math courses.

- If you have experience in a foreign language. Language class placement testing is offered by the College of Arts and Sciences for Chinese, French, German and Spanish. Details on testing [here](#).

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