

Placement Testing – First Year Student Exemptions

All new first-year students at Rutgers University-New Brunswick will take Rutgers University-New Brunswick placement tests unless they are exempt from one or more tests based on the criteria their school of enrollment has set (see below). More information can be found on the Testing and Placement website (<http://oirap.rutgers.edu/testplace.html>) and individual school websites which are linked below.

The placement tests are designed to provide information about students' individual skills in English and Math. Students attending the School of Arts and Sciences, the Honors Program, or any Honors College should take a foreign language test (must have experience with that language in order to take a placement test).

The test results will be used to place students in courses appropriate for their level of preparation so that they can succeed academically. It is important that to take the tests seriously and perform to the best of your independent abilities to be placed appropriately.

Placement testing for Math, English, and some foreign languages will be conducted online via Sakai, a web-based Rutgers courseware system. Students will be able to test from the comfort of their own homes on a reliable computer after activating their NetIDs.

If there are extenuating circumstances preventing you from accessing the test in a comfortable, quiet setting, please email testingandplacement@rutgers.edu. If you need testing accommodations, please follow the steps listed here: <https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/applying-for-services>. If you have testing accommodations, please do not take the placement tests before speaking with staff at the Office of Disability Services. Placement tests can only be completed once.

First-Year Student Placement Testing Exemptions By School

School of Arts and Sciences

English - Students with a Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading & Writing SAT score of 600 or higher or an ACT English score of 30 or higher (by January 2017 testing date) are exempt from completing the English placement test and will automatically be placed into Expository Writing 101. Please ensure that the qualifying scores are sent to Rutgers. Students who completed the AP exam in English Lang/Comp or English Lit/Comp with a score of a 4 or 5 in their junior year would also be exempt from completing the English placement test and would receive credit for Expository Writing. Please ensure that AP scores are sent directly to Rutgers.

Math – Students who completed the AP Calculus exam (AB or BC) with a score of 4 or 5 in their junior year would be exempt from the math placement test and will receive credit for Calculus. Please ensure that AP scores are sent directly to Rutgers. Math SAT or ACT scores do NOT provide any exemption from placement testing.

PLEASE NOTE: Senior year AP exams, IB exams, and college transfer credit do not exempt a first-year student from Rutgers Placement Testing.

Foreign Language – Required for all School of Arts and Sciences students, even if they do not plan to take any language courses at Rutgers. Students should take a foreign language placement test in a language with which they have experience (for example: studied in high school or speak the language at

home). Students who complete an AP foreign language exam will receive credit for AP exam scores of 4 or 5, but must still take the placement test in that language to determine their placement level at Rutgers. Please ensure that AP scores are sent directly to Rutgers.

Tests should only be taken on desktop or laptop computers with access to reliable internet.

School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

English - Students with a Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading & Writing SAT score of 600 or higher or an ACT English score of 30 or higher (by January 2017 testing date) are exempt from completing the English placement test and will automatically be placed into Expository Writing 101. Please ensure that the qualifying scores are sent directly to Rutgers. Students who completed the AP exam in English Lang/Comp or English Lit/Comp with a score of a 4 or 5 in the junior year would also be exempt from completing the English placement test and would receive credit for Expository Writing. Please ensure that AP scores are sent directly to Rutgers.

Math – Students who completed the AP Calculus exam (AB or BC) with a score of 4 or 5 in the junior year would be exempt from the math placement test and will receive credit for Calculus. Please ensure that AP scores are sent directly to Rutgers. Math SAT or ACT scores do NOT provide any exemption from placement testing.

Students seeking exemptions from testing based on junior year AP exam scores must scan and email their AP scores to Dean Sharice Richardson at first_year@sebs.rutgers.edu or fax to 732-932-8880. Please must also ensure that an official score report is sent electronically to undergraduate admissions after senior year AP exams have been completed.

PLEASE NOTE: Senior year AP, IB exams, and college transfer credit do not exempt a first-year student from Rutgers Placement Testing.

Foreign Language: SEBS students planning to complete the 5-year Ed.M. for New Jersey Teacher Certification must take the foreign language test (refer to the information under School of Arts and Sciences). The test is optional for all others.

Placement testing must be completed before attending a SEBS Academic Planning and Advising Day.

First-year students entering SEBS who are completing an associate's degree concurrent with their high school graduation should contact Dean Sharice Richardson directly at first_year@sebs.rutgers.edu to determine if they would be exempt from Rutgers Placement Testing.

Rutgers Business School – New Brunswick

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PLEASE NOTE: Senior year AP, IB exams, and dual enrollment college credits do not exempt a first-year student from Rutgers Placement Testing. A 4 or 5 earned on an AP exam (Calculus, English Language & Comp, English Literature & Comp) in the sophomore or junior year would exempt students from the respective placement test (Math or English).

Foreign Language: Testing is highly recommended. It is required for SAS Honors Program students (refer to information under School of Arts and Sciences) or the Honors College.

It is highly recommended that students complete all placement testing prior to the RBS academic advising day. Course selections made at the academic advising day are contingent upon the results of placement tests. Tests should only be taken on desktop or laptop computers with access to reliable internet.

School of Engineering

English - Students with a Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading & Writing SAT score of 600 or higher or an ACT English score of 30 or higher (by January 2017 testing date) are exempt from completing the English placement test and will automatically be placed into Expository Writing 101. Either score must be sent directly to Rutgers for the exemption. Students who completed the AP exam in English Lang/Comp or English Lit/Comp with a score of a 4 or 5 in the junior year would also be exempt from completing the English placement test. Please ensure that AP scores are sent directly to Rutgers.

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Foreign language – Not required by the School of Engineering unless the student plans to take classes in a foreign language at Rutgers University-New Brunswick (refer to the information under School of Arts and Sciences).

PLEASE NOTE: Senior year AP, IB exams, or college transfer credits do NOT exempt a first-year student from Rutgers Placement Testing. First-year students entering the School of Engineering at Rutgers University-New Brunswick who are completing an associate's degree concurrent with their high school degree are still expected to take the placement tests unless they meet other exemptions listed above.

Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy

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[Mason Gross School of the Arts](#)

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Foreign Language - Dance students planning on completing the Ed.M will take the foreign language placement test (refer to the information under School of Arts and Sciences). The test is optional for all others. Tests should only be taken on desktop or laptop computers with access to reliable internet.