



Ready, Set, Register: Placement Exams

Student Life - New Student & Family Programs



Session Overview

Purpose: To provide information about the various placement exams you need to complete prior to your NSC and answer commonly asked questions.

- Review requirements for satisfying the Math Placement Exam (MPE), Foreign Language Placement Exam (FLPE), Texas Success Initiative (TSI), and Chemistry Prep Modules (CPM)
- Discuss who needs to take each exam and in what timeframe
- Share information to aid in preparing for exams
- Answer questions from participants related to each exam

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Texas Success Initiative



Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Overview

- Statewide ***mandated*** program that ensures preparation for college-level reading, writing, and math courses
- Failure to submit TSIA scores or other exempting documentation will result in a registration hold (BT)
 - Report to TSI table at NSC Check-In for hold removal

More information will be shared in your Online Orientation modules.



Common Exemptions

SAT SCORES

Math: minimum score of 530 for Math exemption

Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing (EBRW): minimum score of 480 for Reading & Writing exemption

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ACT SCORES

(administered prior to Feb. 15, 2023)
must first achieve a minimum composite score of 23 with:

- At least 19 on math for an exemption in math *AND/OR*
- 19+ on English for an exemption in reading and writing

(administered after to Feb. 15, 2023)

- Combined score of 40 on the English and Reading (E + R) for Reading and Writing requirements
- Score of 22 on math will be exempt for the math requirement

OTHER EXEMPTIONS

Associates or Bachelors Degree

Exempting College Courses

Military Veteran

Active Member of armed forces

Texas College Bridge
(covered on next slide)

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Texas College Bridge

Certificates must be submitted via GreenLight Credentials to the email address: ***anatpaez@tamu.edu***

TSI Completion & Exemption Details

- You must enroll in an exempting course in the 1st year of attending Texas A&M University
- You must successfully complete the required courses within 2 years of attending Texas A&M

If you do not meet the TSI requirements by the stated deadline, you will be automatically enrolled in the TSI program courses at Texas A&M for the following term.



TSI Scores

Math Requirement

(administered prior to January 11, 2021)

- Math: 350

(administered after to January 11, 2021)

- a College Readiness Classification (CRC) score of at least 950; OR
- a CRC score below 950 and a Diagnostic level of 6.

Reading and Writing Requirements

(administered prior to January 11, 2021)

- Reading: 351
- Writing:
 - a placement score of at least 340, and an essay score of at least 4; OR
 - a placement score of less than 340, and an ABE Diagnostic level of at least 4, and an essay score of at least 5.

(administered after to January 11, 2021)

- a College Readiness Classification (CRC) score of at least 945 and an essay score of at least 5; OR
- a CRC score below 945 and a Diagnostic level of 5 or 6 and an essay score of at least 5.

A photograph of four young men standing in a school hallway, smiling at the camera. They are all wearing red lanyards with identification badges. The man on the far left is wearing a white t-shirt and sunglasses on his lanyard. The second man is wearing a dark blue t-shirt. The third man is wearing a light blue t-shirt with a maroon jacket draped over his shoulders. The man on the far right is wearing a dark blue and red sports jersey with the number 7 and glasses. In the background, a woman in a maroon shirt is walking away. A large, dark red rectangular box with white text is superimposed over the center of the image.

Math Placement Exam

Basic MPE Information

WHAT IT IS?

The MPE will determine which math course you are placed in for your first semester at Texas A&M University.

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WHO TAKES IT?

Required for all incoming freshman

Transfer students do not have to take the MPE unless they are planning to take MATH 151, 171, 147, or 142 **and have not passed** MATH 140 or 150's equivalent

See degree plan at ***catalog.tamu.edu***

ADDITIONAL INFO

Taken online through Canvas

canvas.tamu.edu

Failure to complete the MPE will prevent registration in a math course

The Virtual Math Learning Center has practice problems you can work through

vmhc.tamu.edu

Taking the MPE

- Available one month before NSC; you will receive an email when available
- First attempt needs to be completed before NSC
- Second attempt needs to be completed before the first day of class
 - **Summer 1 & 10-Week Semester:** May 27
 - **Summer 2 Term:** July 2
 - **Fall 2025 Semester:** August 25
- Accommodations can be setup through Disability Resources ***disability.tamu.edu***



MPE Options

Two versions, each has 33 questions; 90 minutes, proctored online

MPE 1

For 151/171/147

- Score of 22 or greater to start in Calculus 1

Retake Information:

- Two-week waiting period between attempts
- Can take a total of two times (1 retake attempt)
- The highest MPE score will be used for placement purposes

MPE 2

For MATH 142

- Score of 18 or greater to start in MATH 142

Retake Information:

- Two-week waiting period between attempts
- Can take a total of three times (2 retake attempts)
- The highest MPE score will be used for placement purposes



Chemistry Prep Module

Chemistry Prep Module (CPM) Overview

The CPM is a preparatory module for the life sciences version of general chemistry (CHEM 119) that aims to ensure students have the foundational skills necessary to succeed in their entry-level Chemistry coursework. These are primarily algebra-based mathematics skills.

Each student begins the module by completing an initial assessment. The score on this pre-test does not matter, but students should try their best because they will only be required to complete further tutorials on the topics they missed in the pre-test. Once a student has completed **90%** of the required content, whether that is on the initial assessment or subsequent tutorials, they will have completed the CPM and will be ready to enroll in CHEM 119.

Chemistry Prep Module (CPM) Overview

Who should complete the CPM?

- Any student **required** to take CHEM 119.
 - i.e., students planning to enroll in the pre-med, pre-vet, pre-nursing, and pre-dental tracks, regardless of major, as well as animal science, nutrition, biology, biomedical science, public health, geology, mathematics, neuroscience, and kinesiology majors, and select engineering majors (chemical, biomedical, materials science).

The CPM is not intended for students majoring in physics, geophysics, and general engineering students who are not in one of the above specialties. These students typically take CHEM 107/117 and need to obtain a score of 22+ on the MPE.



Additional Details

GENERAL INFORMATION

Non-proctored

Self-paced and can be completed in multiple sittings

Free of charge

Not a registration hold

Students are encouraged to use a calculator and all resources in the module

Median time to complete to 90% is 4.8 hours

COMPLETING THE CPM

Incoming FR & TR students planning to register for CHEM 119 should complete the CPM to 90% before their NSC

Encouraged to complete at least one day before NSC to ensure score updates

Suggest starting the CPM at least two weeks before NSC

Go to tx.ag/NSCCPM for more information and to access the modules. Use your @tam.u.edu email to begin.

AP & DUAL CREDIT

Students with AP or dual credit that replaces CHEM 119 do not need to complete the CPM if they plan to enroll in CHEM 120

Professional schools may not accept credit by exam for courses required for admission; pre-professional students are encouraged to still complete the CPM

Questions? Contact ***chemprepmodule@tam.u.edu***

A photograph of four people (two men and two women) standing outdoors on a grassy area with trees in the background. They are all wearing maroon clothing, likely Texas A&M apparel. The man on the far left wears a maroon polo shirt, a blue baseball cap with 'TEXAS AGGIES' on it, and sunglasses. The woman next to him wears a maroon t-shirt, white pants, and sunglasses. The woman next to her wears a black crop top, red shorts, and has curly hair. The man on the far right wears a maroon t-shirt, sunglasses, and a watch. A large, dark red rectangular box with a white border is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text 'Foreign Language Placement Exam' in white serif font.

Foreign Language Placement Exam

Foreign Language Placement Exams

Who should take the test?

- Any student intending to enroll in a language course at Texas A&M for the first time;
- Who also has knowledge of the language they plan to enroll;
- Who has **no college credit** in that language

This test is not for individuals who have earned college credit in the foreign language they intend to enroll.



Testing and Scores

TESTING

Placement Exams are administered online with remote proctoring and will take up to 90 minutes to complete.

You can register and pay the \$30 fee online.

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SCORES

Scores will be posted to Howdy 3-5 business days after they are received. Tests with a written portion may take longer to score.

My Record > Credit By Examination

Classes tested out of will show; no credit will show if you did not test out of any classes

REGISTRATION

Testing must be completed prior to attending the NSC.

Completion of the exam does not guarantee ability to register for a language course your first semester.

Questions? Contact ***glacadvising@tamu.edu***.

An aerial photograph of a large football stadium, likely the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, filled with a massive crowd of spectators. The field is green with white yard lines, and the words "TEXAS A&M" are visible on the end zones. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. A white rectangular box with a dark red border is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text "Q&A with Panelists".

Q&A with Panelists

Ready, Set, Register: Clearing Holds

- Hosted on Wednesday, April 16 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; registration required
- **Purpose:** To inform you of the steps you need to take to remove barriers to course registration on Day 2 of you in-person New Student Conference.

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View a recording of the February Ready, Set, Register: Clearing Holds at ***tx.ag/NAS25***



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