

Webber International University

Florida and North Carolina Campuses

Student Placement Testing Policy	Approved: October 24, 2016
	Approved By: Joint Institutional Planning Committee
SACSOC Standard: CS3.4.3	Reviewed:

CS3.4.3 “The institution publishes admission policies consistent with its mission.”

Policy

Purpose: The policy is enforced to ensure that students who are admitted to the institution or to a specific program can benefit from the institution’s programs. Implicit in the policy is that the institution consistently applies the policy to all applicants and transfers; exceptions are limited in number and are based on specific criteria for waiving admission requirements. The policy also conforms to widely accepted higher education standards for admissions.

Applicability: The policy applies to all students seeking admission to the University.

New Student Placement Testing Policy

All degree seeking students entering Webber International University are required to meet minimum college readiness standards in reading, writing and mathematics.

In order to determine a student’s appropriate course level, Webber utilizes the standardized college entrance individualized subject scores from the ACT and/or the SAT for the purpose of placement in the appropriate level English and Math courses. International students TOEFL and IELTS scores are used in the same manner for English placement only. International students with only TOEFL and IELTS tests must take the University’s PPT test upon entrance to Webber for math course placement. The ACT/SAT/TOEFL/IELTS score placement chart appears below.

ENG090 is a preparatory course and does not count toward the degree for graduation purposes. ENG110 and MAT101 are creditable as an elective. ENG111 is Freshman English I, MAT121 is College Algebra and both courses fulfill general education requirements.

Students who do not demonstrate the minimum academic skills necessary through these standardized tests must remedy the subject deficiencies by enrollment in developmental or entry level courses within the first term of enrollment.

Students entering WIU with a completed associate (A.A. or A.S.) or bachelor degree will not be required to submit ACT/SAT scores. Placement is determined through transfer credit acceptance. Transfer students who enter with accepted freshman college level English-I and/or College Algebra with a “C” or better completed will not have to test.

Transfer students without an A.A./A.S. / B.S. or equivalent course transfers must submit ACT/SAT scores for placement purposes.

Webber’s PPT placement test is required for admitted students who have not taken the ACT/SAT/TOEFL/IELTS tests upon entrance. Tests are given under the following conditions:

- A student may take the replacement test only one time.
- Any test must be completed before coursework is begun in that subject area.
- There is a \$35.00 charge for administering the PPT test.
- The PPT test placement result will be final.

PLACEMENT TABLE

	SAT Scores (New scores taken after 3/16 based off of conversion)	ACT Scores	Class Placement
Reading	0 - 350	0 - 14	ENG 090
	360 – 430	15 - 18	ENG 110
	440+	19	ENG 111
Writing	0 - 350 (Read)	0 - 9	ENG 090
	360 - 430 (Read)	10 - 16	ENG 110
	440+ (Read)	17+	ENG 111
Math	<500	<20	MAT101
	≥500	≥20	MAT 121

International Students

	Internet Based	Computer Version	Paper Version	Class Placement
TOEFL	59 or lower	170 or lower	497 or lower	Not eligible for admission to Webber
	60 - 78	173 - 210	500 - 547	ENG 090
	79 - 93	213 – 237	550 - 583	ENG 110
	94 or higher	240 or higher	587 or higher	ENG 111

	IELTS Score	Level	Class Placement
IELTS	5.5 or lower	4	Not eligible for admission to Webber
	6.0	5	ENG 090
	6.5	6	ENG 110
	7.0 or higher	7	ENG 111

*** The SAT redesign which began with tests taken beginning in the spring 2016 will be represented by the final score concordance and determined by the admission staff.

Implementation responsibility: President, Registrars, Academic Deans

Policy review cycle: At least every three years

Compliance: Mandatory