

## MOTION:

The Faculty Senate moves to adopt the following changes to the 2014-15 Catalog that update the Writing placement sections and clarify catalog language on placement and prerequisites.

Effective: Fall 2014

Rationale: This motion amends the current (2013-14) catalog to incorporate changes that result from Statewide alignment of English 111X and DEVE placement (see placement table below). It further addresses reading placement, making reading classes a co-requirement with DEVE placement at the DEVE 060 and DEVE 104 level.

The motion also reflects changes in the Placement section amending language in the recently passed Math placement motion (but not amending the Math placement portion of that motion), changes in language that have accumulated in the catalog over time, and language changes that clarify current practice in student placement.

CAPS and **Bolded** - Addition

[[ ]] – Deletion

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### PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Many UAF courses require placement. All students planning to take courses with specific placement requirements must meet those requirements prior to registering for those courses. [[Students who meet basic skills standards in reading, writing and mathematics should enroll in the appropriate 100-level or above courses. Those whose scores place below these standards

must enroll in the appropriate developmental education courses. Once these students have satisfactorily met the criteria for these courses, they may register for 100-level courses.]] Specific writing, reading, and math placement requirements are listed in the section S below. [[However, many courses have additional prerequisite requirements that are listed in the catalog course description.]]

### COURSE PREREQUISITES

Course prerequisites indicate what previous preparation is needed to enroll in a course. An instructor has the right to drop any student from the course if he or she does not meet the prerequisite or has not received a grade of C- or better in all prerequisite courses. An instructor also has the right to waive a course prerequisite if the instructor [[has documentation]] **DOCUMENTS** that the student possesses **SUFFICIENT** background [[required]] to succeed in the class. **STUDENTS WHO TAKE A COURSE AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN A CORRESPONDING PREREQUISITE COURSE REQUIRED FOR A DEGREE PROGRAM ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM TAKING THAT REQUIRED COURSE.** [[Students need English placement at ENGL F111X or above (including reading) in order to enroll in perspectives on the human condition core courses.]] Students need mathematics placement at

DEVM F105 or above, and ENGL F111x placement [(including reading),] to register for **CORE** science courses.

[[Reading and w]] Writing placement exams must be taken within two calendar years prior to the start of a course; mathematics placement exams must be taken within one calendar year prior. Students enrolling in developmental or lower division core courses must have completed any prerequisite courses within two calendar years of their enrollment. [[Academic advisors will assist with proper course placement for incoming and continuing students.]]

Students who enroll in [[a developmental or core]] **ANY** course without meeting placement or prerequisite requirements may be withdrawn from the course through the faculty-initiated withdrawal process.

### [[READING AND]] WRITING

Placement into writing [[and reading]] courses requires **EITHER PREREQUISITE COURSE CREDIT OR A STANDARDIZED PLACEMENT TEST WHICH MEASURES ACADEMIC SKILLS SUCH AS CRITICAL THINKING AND READING. THE SCORE FROM ANY OF THE TESTS (SEE TABLE) PLACES THE STUDENT IN THE APPROPRIATE WRITING CLASS. A WRITING SAMPLE, GIVEN ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS, MAY MODIFY THIS PLACEMENT. DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE SEEKING STUDENTS PLACED INTO DEVELOPMENTAL WRITING OR READING COURSES SHOULD REGISTER FOR THEM DURING THEIR FIRST SEMESTER. THESE COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS GAIN COMPETENCIES NECESSARY TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES.** [[a scored writing sample: SAT, ACT Writing, ASSET, COMPASS, ACCUPLACER, or a UAF –generated writing sample. Minimum scores for placement into English and Developmental English courses are listed in table 3 and table 4. A student will be placed in English F111X if the student’s ACT writing test score is 7 or above, the ACT English score is 18 or above, or the ACT reading score is 22 or above (or the student’s SAT writing score is 430 and SAT critical reading score is 510 or above, or your score on another university-approved placement test is equivalent).]] If the student’s standardized test scores are below the[[se]] minimums **IN THE PLACEMENT TABLE BELOW** and if the **STUDENT’S** high school cumulative GPA is 3.0 or higher, the student may **BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO** enroll in English F111X [[with permission of]] **BY** the Director of Composition or rural campus English/Arts and Letters faculty.

[[On the basis of test scores, students may be required to take Developmental English or Developmental Studies (Reading) courses. These courses are designed to help students gain competencies necessary to succeed in college-level courses. Students who earn a C- or higher in DEVE F070 place into English 111X automatically and do not have to re-test]]

## MATHEMATICS

Mathematics course placement varies according to the type of degree the student is planning to pursue and the corresponding math course(s) needed. (see the degree program requirements for more detail.)The UAF mathematics placement test used to determine math placement. Minimum test scores for placement into math and developmental math courses are listed in Table 2.

Students who have limited access or limited experience with the internet should contact the department of mathematics and statistics or the department of developmental education for assistance.

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## PLACEMENT TESTS

Test results are required for first-time degree or certificate students, transfer students with fewer than 30 **TRANSFER** credits, or students planning to take 100-level English, reading, mathematics, natural sciences **GENERAL EDUCATION** and **GENERAL EDUCATION** core courses. UAF mathematics placement test results must be on file with the office of admissions and the registrar or the local regional campus registration office before you can register for DEVM, Math, or **GENERAL EDUCATION** science classes. Results from American College Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or, for associate degree or certificate students, the ASSET, ACCUPLACER or COMPASS test must be on file with the Office of Admissions and the Registrar before you can register for classes. Your ability to register may be blocked if you have not submitted required test scores.

Test results for English and composition must be less than two years old; for math, less than one year old.

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Note: Registrar's Office will also need to update applicable sections including (for example): "Applying for Admission: Certificate or Associate Degree Programs"; "Applying for Admission: Bachelor's Degree Programs."