

Guided Self-Placement procedure for English and Reading– Fall 2020 and Winter/Summer/Fall 2021

Due to the MCC campus being open on a very limited basis, we are not administering the Accuplacer English placement exams in the Testing Center on a daily basis. If required, students can schedule to take the exam remotely or, if need be due to computer/internet issues, schedule a face to face test appointment. Please call the Testing Center if you are interested in this. (231) 777-0394

For the Fall 2020 and Winter/Summer/Fall 2021 semesters only, new students (and transfer students who have not taken an English course at the previous school) should use the following Guided Self-Placement procedure to determine their first English course at MCC.

Follow each of the steps below. Each step may result in a different recommended initial English course. In that case, use all of the information as a whole to make a judgment on which course would be best suited to your current knowledge and experience as a writer.

If you have questions or need help working through the steps, [contact the MCC Counseling and Advising Center](#).

Step 1: Transfer students only

If you're not transferring in from another institution, move on to Step 2.

If you're transferring from another college or university to MCC and have already successfully completed an English composition or writing course, simply choose the next course in the sequence.

- If you successfully completed a remedial or developmental course similar to RDG 297, take **ENG 091**.

- If you successfully completed a remedial or developmental course similar to ENG 091, take **ENG 101**.
- If you've already successfully completed ENG 101 (sometimes called English Composition I or Freshman Composition I at other schools), take **ENG 102**.
- If you've already successfully completed both ENG 101 and ENG 102 equivalents at your other school, you aren't required to take another English course at MCC to meet basic degree requirements (some programs may require other ENG courses for other reasons).

If you took the course at a Michigan college or university, you can check how your previous English courses would transfer to MCC by visiting MITTransfer.org. If you took the course outside of the state of Michigan or have questions, please [contact the MCC Counseling and Advising Center](#).

Step 2: If you've already taken a standardized placement examination

Use this chart if you've already taken any of the following exams for admission or placement. Scores must be no more than three years old and you must send a copy of your score report to MCC. See below for instructions on how to send a report without paying any fees.

If you don't have your exam scores handy, you can view them on either the [College Board](#) or [ACT, Inc.](#) websites if you previously created an account there. For SAT scores, log into your Collegeboard account, go to your scores, click on "View Details" then "Download Report at top right and send your score report to testingcenter@muskegoncc.edu If you took Accuplacer or COMPASS at MCC, those scores will already have been added to your student account.

Test <i>(You may have taken one or more of these tests. Your score can help you decide if you're ready for ENG101.)</i>	Score needed to enroll in ENG101
SAT	26 (or higher)
SAT + GPA	25 + 3.0 GPA 24 + 3.2 GPA 23 + 3.4 GPA 22 + 3.6 GPA

	21 + 3.8 GPA 20 + 4.0 GPA
ACT English	19 (or higher)
MME Reading <i>and</i> Writing	Level 1 or 2
COMPASS Writing	80 (or higher)
Accuplacer Sentence Skills	85 (or higher)
Accuplacer Writing (Next Gen)	245 (or higher)

***If your test scores or GPA are lower than these scores above, you will need to take RDG 297, English 091, or English 091/101 FastTrack.

If your test scores are not an immediate sign that you're ready for ENG 101, please continue reading to determine which class will be the best choice for you.

Step 3: Use your last graded English writing course from high school (if you do not have test scores or they are

lower than those in the chart)

If you received **at least a "B"** in your last graded high school English writing class, consider taking **ENG 101**. Otherwise, use the exam score(s) from Step 1 and the information in Step 3 to make a decision.

Step 4: Compare your previous English writing experience with the goals for each of MCC's starting English courses

The course descriptions for each starting English course are listed here for your convenience:

*Remember, the Counseling and Advising Center can help you decide.

RDG 297 Integrated Reading and Writing (4 credit hours)

This course is for students seeking to fulfill MCC's College Reading Proficiency requirement. This course will focus on the development of effective critical thinking, reading, and writing skills. Students will develop their ability to participate in academic discussions by reading and responding to academic texts and by writing clear sentences,

effectively developed paragraphs, and short essays. Completing this course with a grade of C or better will fulfill MCC's College Reading Proficiency Requirement and prepare the student for ENG 091.

ENG 091 Introduction to English Composition (3 credit hours, 4 contact hours)

ENG 091 is course in which students concentrate on mastering basic principles of English grammar, sentence structure, punctuation, usage, and mechanics. Emphasis is placed on writing clear sentences, effectively developed paragraphs, and short essays. The course is intended to prepare students for English 101 as well as to assist them in other college courses in which writing is required.

Fast Track ENG 091 + ENG 101 (6 credit hours, 8 contact hours)

Fast Track ENG 091 + ENG 101 is a chance to complete college-level ENG 101 with the support of ENG 091 by taking both classes in the same semester with the same instructor and the same classmates. Students enrolled in Fast Track English are able to apply what they learn in ENG 091 to the challenging writing assignments they're working on in ENG 101. For course descriptions of ENG 091 and ENG 101, continue reading.

Note: ENG 085, 089 and 091 and RDG 040, 050 and 297 do not count toward graduation.

ENG 101 – English Composition I

ENG 101 is a course in which students will develop the abilities to read critically, to think logically, to discuss intelligently, and primarily to write effectively using exposition, argumentation, and research. A grade of "C" or better is required to enter into English 102.

Normal prerequisites are either successful completion of writing assessment or ENG 091 or placement by exam into ENG 101; this requirement has been waived for Fall 2020 only. Use the chart above to place into ENG101.

Step 5. Use the information from Steps 1-3 to make a determination of the best English course for you and register online.

When you register online in MyMCC, you may see a message that you haven't completed a recommended prerequisite for the course you've chosen. These prerequisites are being waived for the Fall 2020, Winter/Summer 2021 semesters only. You may continue and register for the class you've placed yourself into.

Whatever you decide, be sure to visit the [College Success Center's website](#) or contact Jamie.Wright@muskegoncc.edu to learn how the MCC Writing Center can help you excel in your English courses at MCC.

If you need additional help doing this self-placement for English, please [contact the MCC Counseling and Advising Center](#).