

**This information is for Rutgers-New Brunswick students.**  
More info for RU-New Brunswick students can be found at [this link](#).  
RU-Newark students: click [here](#). RU-Camden students: click [here](#).

## PURPOSE OF THE TESTS

Now that you have been admitted to Rutgers University-New Brunswick, you will need to take placement tests. These tests are designed to provide information about your skills. Results will be used to help place you in the courses appropriate for your level of preparation. These tests are important to your success at Rutgers, so please take them seriously and do your best independent work. This will ensure that you begin studying at the right level to succeed in your classes.

## DESCRIPTION

*Test questions vary on each test. Once you begin a test, you must complete it in one sitting; you cannot stop time on that test.*

**Math**: The Math test is online and is allotted 3 hours. Most students take 60-90 minutes. It's an adaptive test and consists of up to 30 open-ended questions. It can be taken twice for most accurate results. See below for details.

**English**: The English test is online and is allotted 90 minutes. It consists of four sections: a short language questionnaire (5 minutes), an essay (20 minutes), reading comprehension (35 minutes), and sentence sense (30 minutes).

**World Language**: Tests are online. Testing time varies per language. Incoming first-year students enrolled in these programs are **required** to complete language testing: A) SAS, B) the Honors Program, or C) Honors College – New Brunswick through SAS or RBS.

## NOTE FOR TRANSFER/CONTINUING STUDENTS:

Transfer/continuing students should only test if advised to do so by a Rutgers adviser, or if indicated on their transfer summary/credit evaluation.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

If you need testing accommodations (e.g. extra time, reader, scribe), please register with the Office of Disability Services and receive approval for accommodations **before** testing. Tests can only be taken once. Please visit [this link](#) to apply for services.

## WHEN AND WHERE TO TEST

Most tests are administered [online](#) and can be completed from home/in a quiet environment with a reliable internet connection. Please use laptops or desktops – do not use cell

phones. A wired internet connection is preferred, but you may use a strong wireless connection as well. Please complete your placement tests as early as possible, so that your results are available before you meet with an adviser. You may access the tests after carefully reviewing this packet.

The math test must be completed in one sitting, and the English test (all 4 sections) must be completed in one sitting, and if [required](#), the language test must be completed in one sitting. You may do both all [required](#) tests consecutively or you may take a break for one evening. **Once you begin testing, you must complete all [required](#) assessments within 72 hours of submitting any one, except the 2<sup>nd</sup> take of the math test, which should be taken as soon as possible (exceeding the 72 hours is acceptable – try to finish within 10 days of the first test).**

## ACCESSING THE PLACEMENT TESTS

Follow these steps in order:

- 1) Confirm your Rutgers status and pay the fee at [this link](#).
- 2) After you are able to access the [Enrollment Pathway](#), activate your NetID at [this link](#).
- 3) After your netID is fully activated (may take 48 hours), read through our [webpage](#) to access the tests.

## TESTING REGULATIONS

These tests are designed to assess your knowledge in these subjects. We need a true assessment of your abilities to enroll you into appropriate classes in which you can succeed. **Therefore, reference materials cannot be used. No books, cell phones, or assistance of any kind is permitted.** Do not use your own calculator – one will be provided on-screen if required. **Test materials may not be copied or shared, as they are the copyright of Rutgers University.** Scratch paper is permitted and should be discarded after testing. It cannot be submitted for credit.

*The University will invalidate any test score if there is any reason to question its integrity. An incorrect placement due to purposeful misrepresentation of your score will result in a lower GPA or a delay in your graduation. We want you to succeed and encourage you to simply do your best work.*

Please make sure you are feeling well when you test.

## PLACEMENT RESULTS

Your placements will be given to your school at RU. You can view them on the myRutgers dashboard (under Required for Enrollment) or Degree Navigator within two weeks of completing required tests. See next page.

This page will tell you more about the English and math tests.

**The English Test** (you can only take this test once in your Rutgers career – make sure you are feeling well)

**Link to test:** <https://placement.elearning.rutgers.edu>

**Survey.** 5 minutes, 5 questions. This section is a questionnaire that asks about your language experience as it pertains to reading, writing, and speaking.

**The Essay.** 20 minutes, 1 essay. You will be given 20 minutes to write an essay on an assigned topic. In general, your essay will be scored on how well you phrase your ideas and organize them, and whether you use specific examples to support your ideas. You are expected to follow the conventions of standard written English.

**Reading Comprehension.** 35 minutes, 36 questions. This section of the test measures how well you understand what you read. The questions will be based on information contained in the passages.

**Sentence Sense.** 30 minutes, 46 questions. This section of the test measures how much you know about the way parts of a sentence fit together and about the ways to make the meaning of a sentence clear.

[Click here to see sample questions for the English test](#)

### **The Math Test (ALEKS PPL)**

Rutgers (NB) will be using the ALEKS PPL (McGraw-Hill) placement test which is designed to be taken twice. The test allows you up to 3 hours to submit up to 30 open-ended (not multiple choice) questions. Most students spend 60-90 minutes on the assessment. This test is adaptive, meaning your answers determine which questions you will be asked subsequently. Because of this, you cannot go back and change your answers to previous questions. Click [here](#) for a brief overview video. Before you start the test, a tools tutorial will show you how to enter the answers. After your first test, you will be offered 5 hours of individually customized prep and learning modules that need to be completed to unlock your 2<sup>nd</sup> test attempt. It is in your best interest to complete your 2<sup>nd</sup> test as soon as possible. Your highest score will be used for placement purposes (most students improve on their 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt). Beyond these two opportunities to take the test, there are no additional options for retesting.

**Respondus Lockdown Browser is required for this test:**  
[Click here to download the required version prior to testing.](#)  
A functioning webcam is required for Respondus Monitor to operate. Chromebooks will not work. [Click here](#) to check system requirements at the bottom of the page. Any photo ID works (high school ID, license, etc.) If you are under 18, [please obtain the consent of a parent or guardian.](#)

### **Link to MATH test: [CLICK HERE](#)**

Receiving an error? Right-click link above and copy & paste into your browser instead. Log in with your netid (ie. abc123), not your nine-digit RUID number. **If you have accommodations do not take this test – contact [the Office of Disability Services \(ODS\)](#) and [testingandplacement@rutgers.edu](mailto:testingandplacement@rutgers.edu) for your unique link.**

During the test, do **not** use your own calculator. An on-screen calculator will be provided when required. Scrap paper is permitted – dispose after testing.

### **Topics may include:**

- Real numbers (fractions, integers, and percentages)
- Equations and inequalities (linear equations, linear inequalities, systems of linear equations, and quadratic equations),
- Linear and quadratic functions (graphs and functions, linear functions, and parabolas), exponents and polynomials (including integer exponents, polynomial arithmetic, factoring, and polynomial equations), rational expressions (including rational equations and rational functions)
- Radical expressions (higher roots and rational exponents)
- Exponentials and logarithms (function compositions and inverse functions, properties of logarithms, and logarithmic equations)
- Geometry and trigonometry (perimeter, area, and volume, coordinate geometry, trigonometric functions, and identities and equations).

On the test, you will see some, but not all, of the math you have learned in high school. It is a placement test, not a preview of math courses at Rutgers (NB). It is designed to identify if you are prepared for a particular course. After you take your 1<sup>st</sup> test, you should plan to take the test a 2<sup>nd</sup> time after a 48 hour cool-off period and within 10 days of the 1<sup>st</sup> test. You'll need complete 5 hours of individually customized prep and learning modules available to you on your ALEKS page prior to being able to retest. Make sure you feel well before testing. Your highest score will be used for placement purposes – most students improve on their 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt.

[Click here to see sample questions for the math test](#)

For additional practice, see final exam review exercises:

- [Elementary Algebra](#)
- [Intermediate Algebra](#)
- [Precalculus](#)