Frequently Asked Questions for Rutgers - New Brunswick Placement Testing

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Email testingandplacement@rutgers.edu for other questions
Question: I can’t locate the placement test links. What should I do?
Answer: Go to http://oirap.rutgers.edu/testplace.html for links and instructions. Make sure you only begin to test when you are feeling well and you have ample time.

Question: Is there a deadline by which I need to complete the placement tests?
Answer: You should complete placement testing within 30 days of accepting your offer of admission (if you’re awaiting accommodations, see next question). Note: you should only attempt tests if you have a strong, reliable, high-speed internet connection. If you do not, please contact us.

Question: What if I need testing accommodations?
Answer: Before attempting any placement test, you must contact the Office of Disability Services by following this link. Test attempts cannot be reset once you access the test, so please be sure you complete your ODS process before testing.

Question: I had a technical issue on my test – what do I do?
Answer: Don’t panic – email us at testingandplacement@rutgers.edu with your name, RUID, netID, and issue, we’ll review your case and advise accordingly.

Question: I didn’t receive confirmation emails for all my tests. How can I confirm that my test was submitted?
Answer: Try logging back into the test site! Time will not restart but if you submitted all of the sections, you will see the time/date stamp of completion (for English or World Language) or a “latest placement result” for the math (ALEKS PPL) test.

Question: I took my placement tests but they’re not marked as complete on the myRutgers dashboard. What should I do?
Answer: Don’t worry! The myRutgers dashboard updates a little bit later. To confirm that you’ve submitted required tests successfully, you can log back onto the test site, and scroll to the bottom for instructions on how to check for completion.

Question: How can I confirm whether or not I am exempt from any test?
Answer: Refer to this link, if you are exempt, you do not have to inform us of your exemption. Just make sure that you have sent all relevant scores to Rutgers (scores sent with the application do not need to be resent). If you are waiting on any scores, or have not sent them yet, you should take the placement test.

Question: I took my tests but I don’t know my results yet - should I still register for and/or attend my advising day?
Answer: Yes! Even if you don’t know your results, you should absolutely register for and/or attend your advising day.

Question: My English placement is DPT – what does that mean?
Answer: DPT means departmental review – once the English placement tests are reviewed by the writing program faculty, your placement will be updated.
Question: I’m placed into the course for which I sent qualifying AP scores! What do I do?
Answer: If your CollegeBoard order history reflects that you sent your applicable AP scores to Rutgers, don’t worry. Your academic deans will be able to see that as well before creating your schedule.

Question: Do I need to register or pay for placement tests?
Answer: No! However, you must make sure to pay your acceptance fee to Rutgers University in order to activate your NetID, which allows you to log onto the test.

Question: How long are the English and math tests?
Answer: The English test is 90 minutes long and has four sections, and the Math test is up to 3 hours long (most students finish in 60-90 minutes). You should leave an extra few minutes to review instructions.

Question: Can I take breaks during the test?
Answer: You must complete the Math test in one session, and you must complete all four English test sections consecutively in one session. However, you may take an evening off between the Math and English tests. Once you submit either the Math or English test, you must complete the other test (unless exempt) within 72 hours of the first submission.

Question: Can I use reference materials, cell phones, dictionaries, or other aid tools?
Answer: No - do your best independent work so that we get a true measure of your abilities and place you into classes in which you can succeed. 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 invite you to simply do your best work.

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