

This information is for **Rutgers-New Brunswick** students.
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 if you're unsatisfied with the first score. [Click here 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). [Click here for details](#).

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 (through SAS or RBS), or C) Honors College – New Brunswick through SAS or RBS. [Click here for details](#).

NOTE FOR TRANSFER/CONTINUING STUDENTS:
Transfer/continuing students only need to test if advised to do so by a Rutgers advisor, or if indicated on their transfer summary/credit evaluation.

ACCOMMODATIONS (SECTION 504)

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, with the exception of the math placement test which can be taken twice. **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 within 30 days* of accepting the Rutgers offer of admission, so that your results are available before you meet with an adviser.

**Students who accepted their offer of admission before tests open have 30 days to complete them once they open*

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 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 2nd take of the math test.** Click [here](#) to see math retesting info.

ACCESSING THE PLACEMENT TESTS

Follow these steps in order:

- 1) Confirm your Rutgers status and pay your \$150 enrollment deposit if you have not done so already. You should then be able to proceed to the placement testing links 2 business days after paying the deposit.
- 2) Read through our [webpage](#) to access the tests using your NetID.

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 or McGraw Hill.** Scratch paper is permitted and should be discarded after testing. It cannot be submitted for credit. Please make sure you are feeling well when you test.

The University will invalidate any test score if there is any reason to question its integrity. Rutgers University's academic integrity policy can be found [here](#). 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.

PLACEMENT RESULTS

Your placements will be given to your advisors 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 for test details.

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.

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 can be taken twice if you're unsatisfied with your first score. Each take of the 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 subsequent questions. Click [here](#) for a brief overview video. Before you start the test, a tools tutorial will show you how to enter the answers.

MATH RETESTING: Students unsatisfied with their initial placement score are strongly encouraged to complete the tutorials and complete a second test. You must complete 8 hours of individually customized prep and learning modules that need to be completed to unlock your 2nd test attempt. It is in your best interest to complete your 2nd test as soon as possible. Your highest score will be used for placement purposes (most students improve on their 2nd 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

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

system requirements at the bottom of the page. If you do not have access to the necessary technology, please email testingandplacement@rutgers.edu. Any photo ID works (high school ID, license, etc.) If you are under 18, [please obtain the consent of a parent or guardian.](#)

If you have accommodations do not use the link below – contact [the Office of Disability Services \(ODS\)](#) and testingandplacement@rutgers.edu for your unique link.

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

Log in with your netid (ie. abc123), not your nine-digit RUID number.

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.

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

For additional practice, see final exam review exercises:

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