

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 incoming knowledge. Results will be used to help place you in the courses appropriate for your level. 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.

TEST DESCRIPTIONS

Note: 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 the following 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](#).

EXEMPTIONS:

Math and English testing are required unless you qualify for an exemption. Refer [here](#) for more information on placement test exemptions.

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

Placement tests are administered [online](#) and should be completed in a quiet environment with a strong internet connection. Please use laptops or desktops – do not use cell phones or tablet devices. 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 advisor.

**Students who accepted their offer of admission while the testing cycle is closed have 30 days to complete testing once it reopens.*

Individual placement tests (Math, English, and if [required](#) World Language) must each be completed in one sitting. You may do all [required](#) tests consecutively or you may decide to take a break for one evening. **Once you begin testing, you must complete all [required](#) assessments within 72 hours of submitting the first test.** However, the math retest can be completed within 10 days from the first attempt. Click [here](#) to see math retesting information.

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 incoming 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.

The English Test

Note: You can only take this test once in your Rutgers career – please take it seriously.

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.

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) utilizes the ALEKS PPL (McGraw-Hill) placement test which can be taken twice if you're unsatisfied with your first score. Each take of the test allows you up to 3 hours to submit up to 30 open-ended (not multiple choice) questions. Students typically 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.

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.

MATH RETESTING: Students unsatisfied with their initial math placement score are strongly encouraged to retest. You must first complete 8 hours of individually customized prep and learning modules to unlock the 2nd attempt. Retests should be completed within 10 days of your 1st attempt. Your highest score will be used for placement purposes (students typically improve on their 2nd attempt). Beyond these two opportunities to take the test, there are no additional options for retesting.

Rutgers Business School and STEM-major students are strongly encouraged to retest if they do not place into Calculus I on the first attempt.

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. If you do not have access to the necessary technology, please email otp@irap.rutgers.edu. A photo ID is required (high school, license, etc.). If you are under 18, you'll need to obtain [parental consent](#).

If you require accommodations, do not use the link below – contact [the Office of Disability Services \(ODS\)](#) and otp@irap.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.

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). Results will be used to help place you in the courses appropriate for your level.

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

For additional practice, see final exam review exercises:

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