

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT ASSESSMENTS

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING TEMPLE UNIVERSITY JAPAN CAMPUS (TUJ) STUDENTS – FALL 2020

Achieving success at Temple University begins with registering for coursework that is appropriate for a student's current level of preparation. Placement into math and English courses can be determined using standardized test scores, transfer credits, or, in some cases, placement assessment.

General Information

Most students are automatically placed into math and English courses using their high school grade point average, SAT/ACT scores, or AP (English only) scores while others will be required to take an assessment. If a student has not submitted SAT, ACT, or AP scores to Temple University, an assessment is required. Only scores from tests taken up to two years prior to the start of the incoming student's first semester are considered in the automatic course placement calculations. Scores older than that are not used. For example, if a student's first semester were Fall 2020, scores from tests taken on or after August 24, 2018 would be considered for course placement.

For math, students may also choose to take an assessment if they feel their SAT or ACT scores are not representative of their knowledge. For English, students automatically placed using a combination of SAT/ACT scores and high school grade point average, or AP scores are not eligible to take an English assessment. Note that it's possible for students to receive more than one course placement if, for instance, they receive an automatic course placement based on their SAT/ACT/AP scores and then take an assessment to try to place into a higher level course. In these cases, the student may take the highest course into which they place.

Math Placement

Students are placed in math courses in accordance to the chart below. For students with SAT scores in the range of 500-660 or ACT scores in the range of 18-28, a Math Assessment is required if the student is enrolled in a degree program that requires Math 1021 or above. Programs that require Math 1021 or above include Computer Information Science, Economics, International Business Studies, and Undeclared.

Math SAT & ACT Scores	SAT Scores	ACT Scores	Course Placement*	
Highest SAT Math/ACT Math score is less than or equal to	490	17	Math 0701/0702	
Highest SAT Math/ACT Math score is equal to or greater than	500	18	A Math Assessment is required for all students enrolled in programs that require Math 1021 or above	Math 1015/GQ or STAT 1001
Highest SAT Math/ACT Math score is equal to or greater than	650	28		STAT 1102
Highest SAT Math/ACT Math score is equal to or greater than	670	29	Math 1041	

*Course Placement represents a student's highest possible course placement; however, students may opt to take a lower level statistics or math course.

**STAT 1001 and STAT 1102 are not available at TUJ

English Placement

Students are automatically placed into English courses using a formula that contains a combination of SAT /ACT scores as well as high school grade point average (GPA). Students without this information are required to complete an English Placement Assessment to determine their course placement.

Students scoring a 4 or 5 on the AP English Language and Composition exam are exempt from English 0802/0812.

Foreign Language Placement

Student who previously studied Japanese, Chinese and/or Korean are required to take the Foreign Language Placement Assessment during New Student Orientation.

TUJ offers Placement Assessments in Japanese, Chinese and/or Korean. If a student previously studied a different foreign language and wishes to be assessed in that language for a waiver, it may be possible to arrange. Students should discuss this with an academic advisor.

Transfer Students and Credits

Students who previously studied at another institution may be eligible to transfer credits to Temple University. TUJ's Admissions Office evaluates all transfer credits. For more information, please see Temple's [Undergraduate Bulletin](#), and the information below.

English Assessment

Students who transfer a course that has been evaluated as a direct equivalent to Temple's English 0802 or 0812 are exempt from taking the English Placement Assessment. Additionally, transfer students who completed an English Placement Assessment at their previous institution and tested out of their previous institution's English Composition (or comparable requirement) can be waived from the English 0802 requirement if they have documentation of their placement and have successfully completed a higher level English/Writing course. Acceptable documentation includes an official letter from the university's Registrar, advising unit, a faculty member, or other appropriate university official. Since the waiver cannot be considered until the student meets with an advisor and presents the needed documentation, students who believe they are eligible for this waiver must still complete Temple's English Placement Assessment if they were not automatically placed.

Math Assessment

Students considering or required to complete Math 1021 or higher, or a course with a pre-requisite of Math 1021 or higher, and have not been automatically placed based on SAT/ACT scores, are required to take a math assessment, regardless of transfer credits*.

All students with the following academic majors, who have not been automatically placed based on SAT/ACT scores, are required to take a math assessment, regardless of transfer credits*:

- Computer Information Science
- Economics
- International Business Studies
- Undeclared

Students with the following academic majors who transferred a credit bearing, QA/QB/GQ designated math course are exempted from taking the Math Placement Assessment:

- Associate of Arts
- Art
- Asian Studies
- Communication Studies
- General Studies
- International Affairs
- Japanese
- Political Science
- Psychological Studies

*For students who have already completed their program's mathematics requirement with transfer credits, the assessment results will be used as a diagnostic tool for informational purposes only, and will not restrict or dictate course selection.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Credits

Temple University awards college credits to students who in high school participated in an Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) program, as detailed on Temple's [Credit for Prior Learning](#) page.

Since AP and IB scores may not be available in time for orientation and advising, any student who has not already received an autoplacement must take the Placement Assessments. Even though students may receive transfer credit for completed and pending AP and IB Exams, in most cases, successful completion of these exams does not waive students from taking Placement Assessments. Students should discuss all AP exams scores (completed & pending) with a Temple academic advisor during their orientation academic advising appointment. Academic advisors will review individual student's cases during orientation and recommend Temple courses based on anticipated transfer credit, placement scores and degree requirements.

If you have any questions about University Placement Assessments, call 215.204.8611 (M-F, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm EST) or send an email to Placements@temple.edu.