

PLACEMENT ASSESSMENTS

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What are placement assessments?

Placement assessments (tests) are a standardized measurement of skills. Great Falls College MSU accepts placement by ACT scores, SAT scores, or the Accuplacer NG (Next Gen)*.

**GFC MSU uses the Accuplacer NG (Next Gen) assessment. Classic Accuplacer scores are still accepted for three years from the student's test date.*

Why does Great Falls College MSU require placement scores?

- Great Falls College MSU uses placement assessments (tests) in writing and math to check the academic skill levels of entering students. Then the college can place each student in classes at the right level.
- Placement scores and/or official college transcripts are a college admissions requirement. If you are a new student without college credits in Math and Writing, you are required to take the Accuplacer assessments.
- Additionally, some classes (such as Accounting, Biology, and Chemistry) require certain math or writing scores. Please consult the Academic Catalog for more information.

Steps to take:

1. Prepare for your assessment

You will be most successful on your assessment if you prepare **before** your test date.

- Log on to <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org> for sample questions and a practice test.
- See a list of other resources at <http://students.gfcmu.edu/testing/>

2. Schedule your assessment

- <http://students.gfcmu.edu/testing/>
- (406) 268-3711
- etesting@gfcmu.edu

*At a distance? Contact the Testing Center for remote testing options

3. Pay for your assessment

- In person
 - Student Accounts (in Student Central) accepts cash, check or credit/debit
 - *Keep your payment receipt; you'll need to present it at the Testing Center when you take your assessment.
 - Testing Center accepts credit/debit and you can pay on the day of your assessment
- By phone-call (406) 771-4315 or (800) 446-2698

Math Assessment

Time needed: approximately 1-1 ½ hours

Cost of assessment: \$5.00

Writing & Reading Assessment (MUST take both)

Time needed: approximately 1 ½-2 hours

Cost of assessment: \$20.00

4. Report to the Testing Center located in room R274 (at your scheduled date and time). You will need to bring:

- A photo ID matching the name used to schedule the assessment
- Personal items (cell phone, purse, etc.) are not permitted in the testing area; you may secure in the free lockers provided.

**if you paid in Student Accounts, you will need to bring your receipt for proof of payment*

5. If you require accommodations for your assessment:

- At least one week prior to your assessment, contact Kathy Meier, Director of Disability & Learning Support Services by phone (406) 771-4311 or e-mail Katherine.meier@gfcmu.edu

(over for more information)

What score do you need for writing and math?

Please use the tables below to see what score is required (*as of most recent update July 2019*).

WRITING & READING PLACEMENT

	ACT English	ACT ELA	SAT Reading & Writing	SAT Writing & Language	Accuplacer NG	Writeplacer (Classic)
WRIT 094: Writing Skills Workshop (No Credit/No Charge)	0-15		0-370	0-21	0-240	1-3
WRIT 101P: College Writing Plus* <i>*students placed into WRIT 101P must also take RD 101: College Reading Strategies</i>	16-17	0-17	371-439	22-24	241-254	4
WRIT 101: College Writing WRIT 122: Intro to Business Writing	18+	18+	440+	25+	255+	5+

MATH PLACEMENT

	ACT Math	SAT Math	Accuplacer NG Arithmetic	Accuplacer NG QRAS (Quantitative Reasoning)	Accuplacer NG AAF (Advanced Algebra & Functions)	Classic Accuplacer Arithmetic	Classic Accuplacer Elementary Algebra	Classic Accuplacer College Math
M094: Math Skills Workshop	0-9	0-299	200-236			0-29		
M065: Pre-Algebra M191B: Math for Welders	10-20	300-489	237-262			30-70		
M090: Introductory Algebra M105-6XP: Contemporary Math	21	490-509	263+	226-253		71+	47-64	
M095: Intermediate Algebra M105: Contemporary Math M120: Math with Health Care Applications	22	510-529		254-274			65-97	
M121: College Algebra M135: Math for K-8 Teachers I M140: College Math for Health Care STAT 216: Intro to Statistics	23-24	530-569		275+	234-248		98+	57-80
M151: Pre-Calculus	25-26	570-609			249-283			81-103
M171: Calculus	27+	610+			284+			104+