

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE  
PROCEDURES**

**11.04.99.R0.02 Basic Skills Requirements**

Effective December 1, 2009

[Supplements System Policy 11.04](#)

1. All new undergraduates (freshmen and transfer students) must submit evidence of a level of competence in reading, writing and mathematics that will not impede their success in University Studies courses. Documentation of skills in these areas will consist of the following:

a. Skill Area Proof of Competency

(1) **READING**-Passing reading scores on the reading section of the THEA, ACCUPLACER, ASSET, or COMPASS test or Texas Success Initiative (TSI) exemption through TAKS, SAT, or ACT scores as follows;

TAKS English Language Arts and Reading score of 2200 or higher with a 3 or higher essay score;

ACT English score of 19 or greater AND a composite score of 23 or higher;

SAT Critical Reading score of 500 or greater AND a combined Critical Reading and Math score of 1070 or higher; or

Passing grade (of C or better) in History 121 or 122, Political Science 211 or 212, English 201 or 202, Psychology 131, the transferred equivalent course for any course listed above, or credit for courses listed in this section.

(2) **WRITING**-Passing writing scores on the writing section of the THEA, ACCUPLACER, ASSET, or COMPASS test or \*Texas Success Initiative(TSI) exemption through TAKS, SAT, or ACT scores as follows;

TAKS English Language Arts and Reading score of 2200 or higher with a 3 or higher essay score;

ACT English score of 19 or greater AND a composite score of 23 or higher;

SAT Critical Reading score of 500 or greater AND a combined Critical Reading and Math score of 1070 or higher; or

Passing grade (of C or better) in English 101 or 102, the transferred equivalent of one of these courses, or credit for course(s) listed in this section.

(3) **MATH**-Passing math scores on the math section of the THEA, ACCUPLACER, ASSET, or COMPASS test or Texas Success Initiative(TSI) exemption through TAKS, SAT, or ACT scores as follows:

TAKS Mathematics score of 2200 or higher;

ACT Math score of 19 or higher AND a composite score of 23 or higher

SAT Math score of 500 or higher AND a combined Critical Reading and Math score of 1070 or higher; or  
Passing grade (of C or better) Math 141, 175 or 179 or higher level mathematics course, a transferred equivalent course of one of the course listed in this section, or credit for course listed in this section.

b. Students who do not submit documentation of basic skills are required to take the appropriate section(s) of the Texas A&M University-Commerce placement test before enrolling. Students whose scores indicate a need for remediation must be enrolled in and participate in remediation in all indicated areas during their first semester of enrollment until they have completed the remedial sequence and must be in continuous remediation each semester they are in attendance until they complete the remediation sequence. Students requiring remediation in all areas (Reading, Writing, and Math) will be allowed to take Reading remediation in the semester(s) following completion of Writing remediation.

c. All students must include an English course and a mathematics course in their schedule until the basic skills requirements of English and mathematics are met (ENG 101 and MATH 141 or MATH 175 or MATH 179).

Exceptions may include (with the approval of the Dean of University College):

- 1). Students dually enrolled at two institutions must show proof of enrollment and payment in developmental coursework at the other institution. Students asking for this waiver will be allowed two unsuccessful attempts at off-campus sites before being required to complete the required coursework through Texas A&M-Commerce; or
- 2) Students whose required math class appropriate to their major is full can request a one semester waiver of this requirement.

### 3. GED Applicants

Students admitted with GED certificates will be required to take the appropriate TSI required tests for advisement and placement before registering. Those students requiring remediation will be subject to the basic skills remediation policy.

References: Prior ETSU Policies V E 17 and B-25 approved April 6, 1984; revised June 25, 1985, January 19, 1990, May 6, 1994, and May 1996; and B-26; Procedure A11.16

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