

CHOOSING THE APPROPRIATE ESOL/ENGLISH ASSESSMENT

Before you choose an English class, you should know what your English skill level is because Reg-e will not enroll you in a class if your skill level is lower than the skill level stated as the requirement (prerequisite) for that class. To find out what your skill level is, you can take an English placement test or submit a transcript from another college if you've taken English classes elsewhere.

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Placement Tests

The placement tests are given by the Testing and Assessment Office at each college.

There are two tests:

1. **ESOL test** (for students primarily educated outside of the U.S. in a language other than English)
2. **English test** (for native speakers of English and those who have completed advanced ESOL or the equivalent).

Please take the proper test to avoid misplacement, delay, and confusion.

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Test Result Card

Upon completion of the English/ESOL assessment you will be given a test result card. Your test result card will show you:

1. **ESOL level** (L followed by **19, 20, 30** or **40**).
2. **Reading level** (R followed by **30, 40,** or **50**); **and**
3. **Writing level** (W followed by **30, 40,** or **50**); **or**

Your test result card will also indicate what course(s) you should take first. When you have passed a course with a grade of "C" or higher, your skill level will be raised automatically.

The tables below show the sequence of ESOL and English courses:

ESOL (L)	
ESOL Skill Level	Eligible Courses
L19	ESOL 019
L20	ESOL 020, 021, 022
L30	ESOL 030, 031, 032
L40	ESOL 040 or 045

Reading (R)	
Reading Skill Level	Eligible Courses
R30	English 047a or 042
R40	English 047a or 048
R50 (and W50)	English 101

Writing (W)	
Writing Skill Level	Eligible Courses
W30	English 047a or 043
W40	English 047a or 049
W50 (and R50)	English 101

Note: Placement test results are available on Student Web Services at <http://studentweb.sdccd.edu>. Click on the Registration link and select "View Your Placement Level."

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

COURSE SEQUENCE

ENGL 101/105

Prerequisites: ENGL 047A; OR ENGL 048 and 049; OR ESOL 045 with Assessment L40; OR ESOL 045 and ESOL 032; or Assessment R5/W5

ESOL 045 (9 units) accelerated reading/writing/grammar

Prerequisites: ESOL 030 and ESOL 031 with ESOL 032 corequisite;
OR Assessment L40

Limitation: ENGL 047A, ENGL 048, ENGL 049

ENGL 048 (3 units) reading and study skills

Prerequisites: ESOL 040 and Assessment L40;
OR ESOL 040 and ESOL 032;
OR ENGL 042;
OR Assessment R4

Limitation: ESOL 045, ENGL 047A

ENGL 049 (3 units) basic composition

Prerequisites: ESOL 040 and Assessment L40;
OR ESOL 040 and ESOL 032;
OR ENGL 043;
OR Assessment W4

Limitation: ESOL 045, ENGL 047A

Assessment L40

ESOL 040 OR ESOL 045
(6 or 9 units)

Accelerated Path
1 semester, 9 units

Traditional Path
2 semesters, 12 units

ESOL 040# (6 units) reading/writing/grammar

Prerequisites: ESOL 030 and ESOL 031 with ESOL 032 corequisite; OR Assessment L40

Assessment L30

ESOL 030, 031, 032
(12 units)

ESOL 030 (6 units) writing/grammar

Prerequisites: ESOL 020 and ESOL 021;
OR Assessment L30

ESOL 031 (3 units) reading

Prerequisites: ESOL 021;
OR Assessment L30

ESOL 032* (3 units) listening/speaking

Prerequisites: ESOL 022;
OR Assessment L30

Assessment L20

ESOL 020, 021, 022
(12 units)

ESOL 020 (6 units) writing/grammar

Prerequisites: ESOL 019;
OR Assessment L20

ESOL 021 (3 units) reading

Prerequisites: ESOL 019;
OR Assessment L20

ESOL 022 (3 units) listening/speaking

Prerequisites: ESOL 019;
OR Assessment L20

Levels 20 and 30

Courses within Levels 20 and 30 may be taken in any order. If you do not take them at the same time, the ESOL Department recommends taking reading and listening/speaking courses before writing/grammar courses.

Assessment L19

ESOL 019
(5 units)

ESOL 019 (5 units) all skills

* ESOL 040 requires a prerequisite of ESOL 030 and 031 and concurrent enrollment or completion of ESOL 032 (with a 'C' or better) OR Assessment Skills Level L40.

After successfully completing ESOL 040, students have the option to take both ENGL 048 and 049 or ENGL 047A (accelerated English). Please see next page.

ENGLISH (ENGL) COURSE SEQUENCE

ENGL 205 (3 units)
critical thinking and composition
Prerequisites: ENGL 101; OR ENGL 105

ENGL 101/105*** (3 units)
reading and composition/composition and literature
Prerequisites: ENGL 047A; OR ENGL 048 and 049; OR ESOL 045 with Assessment L40; OR ESOL 045 and ESOL 032; or Assessment R50/W50

**Assessment
R50/W50**

ENGL 101 AND/OR 105
(3 or 6 units)

**Assessment
R40/W40**

ENGL 047A OR
ENGL 048/049
(4 or 6 units)

**Assessment
R30/W30**

ENGL 047A OR
ENGL 042/043
(4 or 6 units)

ENGL 047A (4 units)
reading/writing/reasoning
Limitation: ENGL 042, ENGL 043,
ENGL 048, ENGL 049, ESOL 045

ENGL 048** (3 units)
reading and study skills
Prerequisite: ENGL 042; OR
Assessment R40
Limitation: ENGL 047A,
ESOL 045

ENGL 049** (3 units)
basic composition
Prerequisite: ENGL 043; OR
Assessment W40
Limitation: ENGL 047A, ESOL
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ENGL 042* (3 units)
reading and study skills
Limitation: ENGL 047A,
ESOL 045

ENGL 043* (3 units)
English review
Limitation: ENGL 047A,
ESOL 045

Accelerated Path
1 semester, 4 units

Traditional Path
2 semesters, 12 units

ESOL 040# (6 units)
reading/writing/grammar
Prerequisites: ESOL 030 and
ESOL 031 with ESOL 032
corequisite; OR Assessment L40

Students must choose either the **Accelerated Path** or the **Traditional Path**.
Once a student successfully completes a course (with a 'C' or better), the
alternative path may not be taken.

ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST

*ENGL 042 and 043 may be taken at the same time. If you do not take them at the same time, the English Department recommends taking ENGL 042 first.

**ENGL 048 and 049 may be taken at the same time if you have Assessment Level R40/W40. If you do not take them at the same time, the English Department recommends taking ENGL 048 first.

***SDSU accepts either ENGL 101 or 105; UCSD and most other UC colleges accept ENGL 101 and either ENGL 105 or 205: USD requires ENGL 105.

After successfully completing ESOL 040, students have the option to take both ENGL 048 and 049 or ENGL 047A (accelerated English).