

**Lincoln University, PA**  
**Placement Cut-Off Scores & Policies**

**Placement Testing:**

**ACCUPLACER:** All incoming freshmen must take the required placement tests. Initial placement in English will be done through ACCUPLACER. Math placement will be based on ALEKS PPL. Cut-off scores and placements are given below.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS** who have earned college credits in English and/or Math are exempt from taking these tests. A tentative evaluation of transfer credits/courses will be enclosed for your review and placement at Lincoln will be based on the level completed at the previous college. Transfer students are also exempt from taking our First Year Experience course if they transferred in 24 or more credits or an equivalent course.

**English Placements:** Based on WritePlacer (WP) 1- 8, and Sentence Structure (SS) 20 – 120.

Students will take the WritePlacer essay test first then they will take the Sentence Skills test. Placements are given below. Students must earn both the WP and SS scores given in the chart to place into that class.

| <b>English Placement Fall 2015</b>    | <b>WritePlacer</b> | <b>Sentence Skills</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| ENG 102 English Composition II        | <b>8</b>           | <b>NA</b>              |
| ENG 101 English Composition I         | <b>6-7</b>         | <b>NA</b>              |
| ENG 101 English Composition I         | <b>5</b>           | <b>75+</b>             |
| ENG 101 English Composition I         | <b>4</b>           | <b>90+</b>             |
| ENG 099* Integrated Writing & Reading | 5                  | <75                    |
| ENG 099* Integrated Writing & Reading | 4                  | <90                    |
| ENG 099* Integrated Writing & Reading | 1-3                | NA                     |

\* ENG 099 is developmental courses and the credits do not count towards graduation. However, students must either place out of it or pass it before they can take the required ENG 101 & 102.

**Math Placements:**

| <b>Cut Score (%)</b> | <b>Range (%)</b> | <b>Course Placement</b>   | <b>Level</b> |
|----------------------|------------------|---|--------------|
| ≤ 24%                | 0-24             | MAT 098* Algebra I  | 1            |
| ≥ 25%                | 25-35            | MAT 102** Algebra & Applications(formerly MAT 099)<br>MAT 106 Math for Liberal Arts | 2            |
| ≥ 36%                | 36-49            | MAT 110 College Algebra   | 3            |
| ≥ 50%                | 50-69            | MAT 111 Pre-calculus<br>MAT 114 Elem. Statistics<br>MAT 117 Finite Math             | 4            |
| ≥ 70%                | 70-100           | MAT 121 Calculus I<br>MAT 120 Calculus for Social Science                           | 5            |

- All students will take the ALEKS PPL placement test.
- Those who score 24 or less will place into MAT 098 Algebra I (Level 1).
- Those who score from 25-35 will place into Level 2, either MAT 102 or MAT 106 depending on their intended major. (See the Math Requirements by Major sheet.) Please discuss your choice of course at this level fully with an advisor to be sure that you understand all the requirements and required prerequisites.

See the **Math Requirements by Major** sheet for the sequences required for the different majors.

**Transfer students** who have not taken any college math courses must take the placement test. Those who passed developmental or college level math courses in their previous college will be placed into the next level according to their major.

\***MAT 098** is a developmental course. The credits **do not count** towards graduation and it **does not** fulfill the math requirement for the core curriculum and graduation.

\*\***MAT 102 replaces MAT 099** Credits now count towards graduation; however this course **cannot** be used to fulfill the core curriculum math requirement. It is a prerequisite for all higher MAT courses 110 and above.

**MAT 106** is the only math required for majors that are not math intensive (see the Math Requirements by Major sheet). MAT 098 is the prerequisite for MAT 106. Note that 106 is a terminal math course and does not serve as a prerequisite for any other course.

#### **AP (Advanced Placement) Course Credit:**

Lincoln University participates in the College Board Advanced Placement Program and awards course exemptions and college credit to entering students with qualifying scores. Students who have earned a score of 3, 4, or 5 on any of the Advanced Placement Examinations of the College Board will be eligible, in the area of each examination, for advanced placement and credit toward graduation as determined by the appropriate department. Remind students they must have an official score report sent to the registrar in order to get the credit.

#### **Dual Credits Courses:**

Students who have taken dual credit college courses in English and/or math while in high school may be exempt from taking the placement test(s) but they must have evidence that they passed these courses with a C or higher. If they have already taken the placement, the credit will override the placement test. Students must inform their advisors that they have dual credit courses and they must have an official transcript sent to Lincoln from the college that offered the course. The high school transcript will not suffice.

#### **CLEP:**

Lincoln University is a participant in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). The University will grant credit for CLEP General Examination and Subject Examinations. CLEP General and Subject Examination Credit will be granted to freshmen, transfer or current students according to the requirements established by the American Council on Education (ACE). Department approval must be obtained before taking a subject examination. The student should contact the Registrar's Office for other requirements.

#### **Foreign Language Placement:**

Language placement is determined by student's performance on the language placement exam. Students who have taken two years of the same language in High School will be required to take a placement exam in that language if they are choosing to enroll in that language. Otherwise, they will start at the 101 level if they desire to take another language or did not have two years of the same language in High School. The Major the student goes into will dictate if they must take 2 semesters or more of a foreign language or if they can take 2 computer science courses to fulfill the language requirement.