

Guided Self-Placement for English and Mathematics

Las Positas College

Assessment Center

Background

California Assembly Bill (AB) 705 requires Las Positas College to maximize the probability that students will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and mathematics within a one-year timeframe and use high school coursework, high school grades, and high school grade point average for placement. Las Positas College is committed to providing academic and student support services to achieve the goal of maximizing the probability students will enter and complete such coursework.

Guided Self-Placement

Students are encouraged to complete the guided self-placement to assist with the development of a student educational plan and determine proper placement into English and mathematics courses. Students who plan to earn an associate degree, earn an associate degree for transfer, or plan to transfer to a four-year university are encouraged to complete the guided self-placement process.

CLASS-Web is the online portal that students will use to complete guided self-placement into English and mathematics courses in accordance with criteria established by college faculty. Students may access CLASS-Web upon receipt of a student identification number ("W" number). Additional information may be found on the Las Positas College Assessment Center webpage.

English Guided Self-Placement

High school graduates with a cumulative, unweighted grade point average of 2.5 or higher will self-place into transfer-level English Language & Composition (English 1A). High school graduates with a cumulative, unweighted grade point average below 2.5 are encouraged to take transfer-level English Critical Reading & Composition Expanded (English 1AEX) or non-transfer-level/one level below transfer English Integrated Reading & Writing II (English 104).

Mathematics Guided Self-Placement

High school graduates will self-place into the appropriate mathematics class using three criteria: their cumulative, unweighted grade point average, the highest-level mathematics course completed, and the grade received in that course.

Exceptions to Guided Self-Placement

Students who plan to enroll concurrently while still in high school including Middle College, non-high school graduates, international students, English as a Second Language (ESL) learners, and students who are unsure of proper English and mathematics placement are encouraged to contact the Las Positas College Assessment Center for assistance.

Multiple Measures Placement for English and Mathematics

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Students who would like to enroll in courses beyond the first transfer-level in English and mathematics may request multiple measure evaluation to include standardized test results and other college level work from regionally accredited colleges and universities for course placement at Las Positas College.

Multiple Measures

Las Positas College accepts the following standardized tests and transcripts for course placement into courses beyond the first transfer-level courses in English and mathematics. Please consult the college catalog for additional information.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Credit may be earned for Advance Placement (AP) exams with scores of 3, 4, or 5 as listed in the college catalog. Course credit and units granted at Las Positas College may differ from course credit and units granted by a transfer institution.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Credit may be earned for International Baccalaureate (IB) exams with scores of 4, 5, 6, or 7 as listed in the college catalog. Students who have earned credit from an IB exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not be granted for both.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Credit may be earned for College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams with passing scores as listed in the college catalog.

Transcripts

Credits may be earned for courses taken at another regionally accredited college or university. Unofficial transcripts may be utilized for course placement purposes only. Official transcripts are required for transcript evaluation for satisfying certificate, degree, or transfer requirements in accordance with the college catalog.

Calculus

Students who want to take Math 1 (Calculus 1) at Las Positas College need to pass both Math 30 (College Algebra for STEM) and Math 39 (Trigonometry) at Las Positas College with a C or higher, **OR** have graduated from high school with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher **AND** passed one full academic year of high school Precalculus with a grade of C or higher in each term **OR** have passed high school Calculus with a grade of C or higher.