



PENINSULA
COLLEGE

Course Placement Options

Appropriate placement is important as it impacts a student's ability to progress through their courses and promote academic success in their program of study. In order to determine the best classes for you, your writing, reading and mathematics skills will be assessed. This will tell us the level of coursework you are best prepared for, as well as readiness for entry into specific programs of study.

What Placement Method is Best for You?

Your previous educational experience will help determine the method most likely to place you successfully. Identify yourself below, select a placement choice(s) from the list and find more information about placement options described below the chart.

RUNNING START	COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL IN THE LAST 2 YEARS	PLACEMENT EXAM AT ANOTHER COLLEGE	COMPLETED COURSES/DEGREE AT ANOTHER COLLEGE	NOT YET RECEIVED A GED OR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL <u>MORE</u> THAN 2 YEARS AGO NO PRIOR COLLEGE	NON-DEGREE/CERTIFICATE SEEKING STUDENT
High School Transcripts (Port Angeles and Sequim High Schools Only)	High School Transcripts (Port Angeles and Sequim High Schools Only)					
Smarter Balanced Assessment (WA schools only)	Smarter Balanced Assessment (WA schools only)					
Bridge to College High School class (WA only)	Bridge to College High School class (WA only)	Transfer of ACCUPLACER Assessment Scores/Placement Reciprocity	College Transcripts	ACCUPLACER Assessment (check requirements to receive financial aid)	SAT/ACT scores ACCUPLACER Assessment	No Placement Necessary (with the exception of those courses requiring an English or Math pre-requisite)
Advanced Placement	Advanced Placement					
SAT/ACT scores	SAT/ACT scores					
ACCUPLACER Assessment	ACCUPLACER Assessment					

ACCUPLACER

The ACCUPLACER placement assessment is a computer based, untimed assessment and is used to accurately place students. The ACCUPLACER is not a traditional test. There is no “passing” score. Rather, scores indicate the most appropriate courses for you to begin in college. Students who have completed placement at any College can transfer scores.

Advanced Placement

Advancement Placement is a program available in high schools to provide students the opportunity to take college level courses in the high school setting. Students who have completed AP classes **and** the AP exams may be eligible for placement at Peninsula College. Students may be placed into, or receive credit for, Math and English courses based on qualifying scores on the AP exams. To utilize test scores for placement, please submit your official AP exam score report from the College Entrance Exam Board to Pirate Central in the Clock Tower for review.

College Level Transcripts/Placement Reciprocity

Students with previous college credit from accredited institutions may be able to use transcripts for placement into math, English and a variety of other courses. To utilize previous college credit for prerequisite purposes, please bring unofficial (or official) transcripts to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Clock Tower for placement review. Must be a college Math or English class with grade of 2.0 or higher. Unofficial transcripts must include: institution name, student name, course grade in either letter or decimal value.

High School Transcripts

Recent graduates from **Port Angeles or Sequim high schools** (within two years) may be eligible to use high school transcripts for placement in English courses as well as prerequisites for other courses based on the *HS placement chart below*. Unofficial transcripts should be submitted to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Clock Tower for placement review. **This is currently only available to Sequim and Port Angeles High School students. See chart below**

Transfer of Scores

ACCUPLACER scores should be sent to the Assessment and Placement Center directly from the other college by fax (360-417-6416), (email testing@pencol.edu), or in a sealed envelope by mail. Peninsula College Assessment and Placement Center 1502 E Lauridsen Blvd, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Smarter Balanced Assessment


Recent graduates of Washington State school districts may be eligible to use their Smarter Balanced Assessment scores for placement in math and English courses as well as any course for which they meet the math and/or English prerequisites. Please bring a copy of your score report or your high school transcript with the Smarter Balanced scores notation to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Clock Tower for review. **See chart below.**

Bridge to College High School Class (WA only)

Students may be placed into college level English or math if they have completed a Bridge to College high school class with a B or better grade. Please submit your high school transcript with an [Alternative Placement Request Form](#) for review to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Clock Tower. (English #01069, Math #02099)

SAT/ACT Scores

Students may use SAT/ACT scores to place into college-level math and English courses if they meet the criteria listed below. Please submit your scores directly from the College Board or ACT to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Clock Tower for review and placement. **See chart below.**



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DOCUMENTS MAY
BE EMAILED TO
TESTING@PENCOL.EDU**

Port Angeles and Sequim High Schools

Students must have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher. We will accept completion of at least 1 semester and will use the most recent semester grade.

Port Angeles High School Course	Grade	Placement
English 12 AP	C+ or better	English 101
English 12 -Regular	B- or below	English 90
	B or better	English 101
AP Literature (Formerly AP American Studies)(Engl 11)	C+ or better	English 101
English 11 -Regular (Formerly American Studies)	A-or better	English 101
English 10 Honors	B or better	English 101
Sequim High School Course	Grade	Placement
English 12 AP -Engl Lit/Comp	C+ or better	English 101
English 12 -Regular Sr. Comp	B- or below	English 90
	B or better	English 101
American Studies AP (Engl. 11)-AP Eng Lang 11	C+ or better	English 101
American Studies-Regular 11 Amer Lit/Comp	A- or better	English 101
English 10-10th World Lit Honors	A-or better	English 101

Smarter Balanced High School Assessment Placement (all WA high schools)

SBA Score	Math Placement Option	English Placement Option
4	Any entry college-level math course through pre-calculus I	Any entry college-level English course (including but not limited to English Composition or its equivalent)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Math& 107 (Math in Society), Math 111, Math& 146 (Statistics), or their equivalents ✓ Pre-calculus contingent on a B or better in a calculus pathway class as a high school senior 	Any entry college-level English course (including but not limited to English Composition or its equivalent)
2	✓ Math&107 (Math in Society) and Math& 146 contingent on a B or better in a statewide Bridge to College Math (#02099) course.	An entry college-level English course contingent on a B or better in a statewide Bridge to College English (#01069) course.
1	✓ Not Valid for Placement	Not Valid for Placement

SAT and ACT Assessment Score Placement

<i>Test</i>	<i>Math Placement Option</i>		<i>English Placement Option</i>
	<i>Non-STEM college-level placement</i>	<i>STEM college-level placement</i>	
SAT	<p><i>Math Score: 520-579</i> <i>Placement: Math& 107 (Math in Society), Math&146 (Statistics), Math& 111</i></p>	<p><i>Math Score: 580 or greater</i> <i>Placement: Math& 141, Math& 151</i></p>	<p><i>Reading and Writing Score: 480 or higher</i> <i>Placement: English 101</i></p>
ACT	<p><i>Math Score: 21 or greater</i> <i>Placement: Math& 107 (Math in Society), Math&146 (Statistics), Math& 111</i></p>	<p><i>Math Score: 24 or greater</i> <i>Placement: Math& 141, Math& 151</i></p>	<p><i>Reading and Writing Score: 19 or greater</i> <i>Placement: English 101</i></p>

***Placement may take up to 2 business days to process.*

Students will not receive an advising appointment until math and English placement has been completed; placement will not be done at the time of advising appointment.

Assessment and Placement Center at Peninsula College

1-877-452-9277 ext. 6346

Fax: (360) 417-6416

***All placement documents may be emailed to testing@pencol.edu*