English Placement Test
for non-native English speaking students

Purpose:
The English Placement Test, which is given at the beginning of the spring, summer II and fall semesters, is to determine whether ISU students whose native language is NOT English are proficient enough in English to meet the requirements at Iowa State University.

Graduate students who pass the test meet the Graduate College requirement for certification in English and do not have to take any English courses unless they are required to do so by their departments. Graduate students who already have a degree from an accredited four-year college or university within the U.S. are not required to take the English Placement Test but do need to contact the Graduate College Office, 1137 Pearson, in order to be certified.

Undergraduate students who pass the test are eligible to take English 104, First-year Composition - a course required of all undergraduate students regardless of native language. Having taken 104 at another college/ university does not exempt a student from the English Placement Test.

All students who do not pass the test will be required to take one or more course(s) in English as a Second Language (ESL). See "test results" for more information.

Description of Test:
The English Placement Test is designed to test students' academic reading, writing, and listening ability. The entire test will take approximately 3.5 hours.

What to Bring:
Students will need to have some form of **photo ID** (ISU Card, Passport, etc...) and need to know their **ISU NetID** (i.e., their ISU email address). They should also have two, sharpened #2 pencils and a black or blue ballpoint pen for the test.

What NOT to Bring:
Students MAY NOT use dictionaries or other reference materials (paper or electronic) during the test. There should be NO cell phone usage during the test.

Test Results:
Students will be informed, at the testing site, as to when and where to get test results. A separate announcement will go out to departments/colleges with this information.

Questions?

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