

## PLACEMENT TESTING

Placement exams are designed and used to determine the best fit for students as they begin Urbana (or Franklin courses.) Your admissions advisor will notify you about placement exams that are required before enrollment. The university uses Accuplacer tests to determine Re-Entry math and Reading and Writing. For more information about Accuplacer visit [College Board](#). Students can take placement tests at the testing location closest to them. Please check our locations for specific hours and more information.

Students unable to travel to a campus (outside of 30 minutes of a testing location) can use an online proctor for their placement exams. Please send an email to [testing@franklin.edu](mailto:testing@franklin.edu) for more information.

It is recommended that students take time to prepare for placement tests. [Click here for study materials](#).

Student Information for Placement Testing

### *Who Takes These Tests*

New degree-seeking students may be required to take Franklin University placement tests in reading, writing and math. Results of these tests determine the required preparatory and developmental education courses that are most appropriate for each individual. These courses are usually the first courses of enrollment because they are designed to help students succeed by strengthening academic skills and self-confidence. Transfer students may have certain tests waived due to previous course credit at another institution. Additionally, students who have taken the ACT may not have to take certain placement tests. Academic Advisors and Admissions Advisors will advise students on the placement tests required, ways to prepare for tests, and appeal procedures.

*READING AND WRITING, No time limit*

The computer-based reading comprehension and writing placement assessments are administered simultaneously, through Accuplacer, to determine placement in English (ENG) and Communication (COMM) courses. During your first attempt, you will take both portions. It is possible to retake only one portion based on scores.

***Next-Generation Reading*** assesses the test-taker's ability to derive meaning from a range of texts and to determine the meaning of words and phrases in short and extended contexts. Passages on the test cover a range of content areas, writing modes, and complexities. Both single and paired passages are included. Four broad knowledge and skills categories are assessed:

Information and Ideas

Rhetoric

Synthesis

Vocabulary

***Next-Generation Writing*** evaluates a test-taker's ability to revise and edit multi-paragraph text. Questions cover two broad knowledge and skills categories, each containing three subcategories:

*Expression of Ideas*

Development

Organization

Effective Language Use

*Standard English Conventions*

Sentence Structure

Usage

Punctuation

## *MATH*

### ***RE-ENTRY MATH No time limit, multiple choice***

Next-Generation Arithmetic focuses on computation, order of operations, estimation and rounding, comparing and ordering values in different formats, and recognizing equivalent values across formats. The following knowledge and skills categories are assessed:

Whole Number Operations

Fraction Operations

Decimal Operations

Percent

Number Comparisons and Equivalents

### ***FUNDAMENTAL ALGEBRA No time limit, multiple choice***

Next-Generation Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF) assesses the following knowledge and skills:

Linear Equations

Linear Applications and Graphs

Factoring

Quadratics

Functions

Radical and Rational Equations

Polynomial Equations

Exponential and Logarithmic Equations

## Trigonometry

*\*CALCULATOR USE: There are both no-calculator and calculator questions.*

No-calculator questions: These questions assess fluency in rational number arithmetic and include conceptual questions for which a calculator is not needed. They should help assure postsecondary instructors that students who earn high scores on the next-generation ACCUPLACER Math placement tests do not lack the ability to perform calculations manually.

Calculator questions: Questions with calculator options give insight into students' capacity for strategic use of the tool to address problems efficiently. If a question is configured to allow for the use of a calculator on computer-based tests, the calculator icon will present in the top right corner of the screen. For questions that are configured for multiple calculators, clicking on the icon will provide the student with a drop-down menu that could include two or three of the following: – Basic calculator, or four-function calculator – Square root calculator, or four-function calculator with square root button – Graphing calculator, or TI-84 graphing calculator.

## *SCORES AND INTERPRETATION*

It is important that students answer each question to the best of their ability. Scores will be used in part to determine course placement. Failure to do one's best may result in course placements that are inaccurate for a student's skill level.

Students will learn the scores of their placement assessments upon completion of each exam. These scores will be made available to your Admissions Advisor or Academic Advisor. Students will be charged \$15 per test re-take. Subsequent test retakes will be considered after a three month waiting period.

## *TAKING THE ASSESSMENTS*

Franklin University has established procedures that must be followed while taking the placement assessments. They are as follows:

1. On the day of the assessment, you should be sure to take a valid, government-issued photo ID. This can be a driver's license, passport, state ID, or military ID.
2. You are not allowed to use any notebooks or books during the tests but scrap paper will be provided, if needed.
3. Personal belongings will need to be stored in a locker or left in your vehicle.
4. You will be asked to sign the Placement Testing Agreement at the time you begin your first assessment.

### *General Prep Items*

[Accuplacer Study App](#) This free study app, provided by Accuplacer, will walk you through portions of the placement tests while providing explanations for answers. You will need to create an account once you click on the link to begin. Please select "Next Generation" for Reading, Writing and/or Math tests.

[Next Generation Accuplacer Sample Tests Questions](#)