

UNIVERSITY READINESS STANDARDS

ASK A QUESTION OR SUBMIT FEEDBACK ON THIS POLICY

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Policy Statement

In 2012, the Ohio Department of Higher Education established uniform statewide standards and college testing thresholds for remediation-free status for undergraduate students as part of Ohio Revised Code Section 3345.061(F). Students meeting these standards and thresholds are deemed remediation-free and are eligible to enroll in college-level courses in the respective subjects. These standards and thresholds do not replace Kent State's placement assessment policies.

Tests	Mathematics	English	Reading
ACT	22	18	22
SAT	530	480 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	480 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
Accuplacer Classic	55 College-Level Mathematics	88 Sentence Skills or 5 Writeplacer	80
Accuplacer Next Generation	263 Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics or 263 Advanced Algebra and Functions	263 Writing or 5 Writeplacer	250 Reading
GED	165+	165+	No recommendation at this time.
MapleSoft T.A.	26 on Basic Algebra (MBALG)	n/a	n/a
ALEKS	46	n/a	n/a
PlaceU	18	n/a	n/a

Reason For Policy

The Ohio Department of Education established statewide standards for students to be deemed remediation-free in certain subject areas. Kent State University must comply with state thresholds.

Procedures

There are no procedures associated with this policy.

Forms/Instructions

There are no forms associated with this policy.

Additional Resources

- Credit Transfer
- Destination Kent State
- Placement and Testing Services
- Placement Assessments
- Placement in Foreign Language Courses

- Placement in Mathematics Courses
- Placement in Writing Courses

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **If I meet remediation-free standards in math, does that mean I can take any math course at Kent State?**
No. There are several courses which can be taken as remediation free but there are certain higher-level courses which require placement based on different criteria. Please see the Mathematics Placement policy for more information.
2. **What if I meet remediation-free status with my ACT score but not with my ALEKS score?**
Kent State will always defer to the score that gives you the highest placement.
3. **What if I am not remediation free in reading or English?**
Please work with your advisor to determine the best placement for you based on the policies set forth in the English Placement and Critical Reading Strategies Placement policies.

Definitions

ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces): A web-based, artificially intelligent assessment and learning system. ALEKS uses adaptive questioning to quickly and accurately determine exactly what students knows and do not know in a course. ALEKS then instructs students on the topics they are most ready to learn. As students work through a course, ALEKS periodically reassesses them to ensure that topics learned are also retained. ALEKS courses are very complete in their topic coverage, and ALEKS avoids multiple-choice questions. Students who show a high level of mastery of an ALEKS course will be successful in the actual course they are taking. (Source: www.aleks.com)

Destination Kent State: A three-part orientation program designed for first-year students to familiarize them with Kent State University. The program provides new students with the tools necessary to enjoy a successful journey to graduation.

Related Information

- Alternative Credit Programs
- Critical Reading Strategies Placement
- Developmental Coursework
- English Placement
- Foreign Language Placement
- Kent Core
- Mathematics Placement
- Standardized Test Score Reports

Revision History

Amended Fall 2026: Revised policy updates GED score for remediation-free, from 165 to no recommendation; and MapleSoft T.A. score for remediation-free mathematics, from Algebra 50% to 26 on Basic Algebra (MBALG). Notation of the section of the Ohio Revised Code that regulates this policy is added. Specific English, mathematics, reading and foreign language placement information are removed to become separate policies. Policy name changes from University Readiness Standards and Placement Assessment to University Readiness Standards.

Amended Fall 2020: GED scores for remediation-free English and reading placement decreases, from 166 to 165.

Amended Fall 2019: Revised policy adds GED scores of 166+ for remediation-free English and reading placement. Accuplacer Next Generation score decreases, from 263 to 250, for remediation-free reading.

Amended Fall 2018: Revised policy raises SAT score for remediation-free mathematics, from 520 to 530, and changes SAT test for remediation English and reading. Accuplacer Next Generation scores are added.

Amended Fall 2017: Revised policy removes COMPASS scores.

Amended Fall 2016: Revised policy increases ACT score, from 21 to 22, for remediation-free reading.

Effective Fall 2014: Establishes policy to comply with the Ohio Remediation Free Standards for undergraduate students and to provide college-testing (ACT, SAT, COMPASS) thresholds for remediation-free status.