Mathematics Placement Exam Information

Because most undergraduate programs at Ohio State require some work in mathematics, all entering students are required to take the Mathematics Placement Exam to determine an appropriate math course level for the first semester of enrollment at Ohio State.

It is very important that you complete the test on your own with NO outside help. Academic misconduct is a serious offense at Ohio State and the consequences are severe. By not completing your own work, you may also put yourself in a position that the math course you are placed into may be too difficult for your current skill level. The Mathematics Placement Exam is designed to place students at a course level in which they are challenged but can also be successful. If you are not honest with your exam, you will set yourself up for future failure or you could face issues related to academic misconduct. Please be sure to read the instructions closely so that you can be successful while taking this assessment.

Instructions for completing the Mathematics Placement Exam

- The Math Placement Exam is a tool that you will complete online at https://buckeyelink3.osu.edu/secure/math.

- You can find sample problems for both exams and topics covered at https://math.osu.edu/orientation/math-placement/study-materials.

- Additional information about the Math Placement Exam can be found at https://math.osu.edu/orientation/math-placement.

**NOTE:** The assessment is used only as a placement tool. No course credit will be given, nor will the assessment fulfill any math requirements for your chosen major. The assessment has a maximum time limit of 75 minutes. Please provide yourself with an environment that will give you uninterrupted time and an atmosphere conducive for working math problems.

Students with disabilities should contact Lois Harris in the [Ohio State Office for Disability Services](http://www.osu.edu/services/disability) at 614-292-3307 to make alternate arrangements for taking the math assessment. This includes students with disabilities who may need extended time, as well as students who need a scribe, a reader, an interpreter, or other support services. Documentation must be provided to determine eligibility before authorization can be given for accommodations.
Step 1: Obtain your Ohio State Username

1. In order to complete the Mathematics Placement Exam, you must have your Ohio State Username.
   a. Go to my.osu.edu for more information. It is important that you remember to write down your username (lastname.#) and password.

Step 2: Take the Mathematics Placement Exam

1. Go to https://buckeyelink3.osu.edu/secure/math and login using your Ohio State Username (lastname.#) and password (see Step 1, above).
2. Thoroughly read the Mathematics Placement Exam instructions and complete the assessment.

Questions related to math advising can be direct to mathadvisors@math.osu.edu.

English Placement Essay

You should plan to complete the English Language Composition Placement Essay no later than one week after attending your scheduled PDO.

The ESL Composition Placement Essay at Ohio State is administered online through ProctorU. ProctorU is a unique service that allows you to complete your exams, certifications and assessments at any time while still ensuring academic integrity for the institution. You can take the assessment from home, work or anywhere with Internet access while utilizing almost any computer and webcam. Assessments can be taken through ProctorU 24 hours a day, seven days a week. During your assessment, you will be connected to a live person who will be there to guide you through the process and assist with any technical issues.

Step 1: Create a ProctorU Account

2. Click on the link at the end of the second paragraph “Sign into your online proctoring account.”
3. Click on the link for “New Users: Sign up here”. You can find this below the blue login button.
4. Complete this form to create your account
5. For Institution, select “The Ohio State University”
**Step 2: Schedule your Assessment**

1. Click on the link for “Schedule New Exam”
2. Confirm your institution, select “The Ohio State University”
3. Select the term of “Summer/Autumn 2016”
   a. The name of the exam is “ESL Composition Placement Essay – The Ohio State University”
   b. Select a time to take the exam and click “Book it”

**Step 3: Complete the Assessment**

1. Log in to your ProctorU account at your exam time.
2. The exam proctor will provide you with instructions for how to access the assessment. You will need your Ohio State username (lastname.#) and password to access the actual assessment.

Test-Taker Checklist

1. Before you begin your ESL Composition Placement Essay, there are a few additional steps you should take.
   o Be sure to read through this test-taker checklist on your PDO Class Registration Carmen site (accessible after you attend your PDO) so that you are fully prepared for your upcoming assessment.

For more information on English Placement Testing, visit [http://go.osu.edu/eslessay](http://go.osu.edu/eslessay).

Questions regarding English Placement can be directed via email to eslessay@osu.edu.