Peninsula College Placement Options for non-Running Start Students

Please review the placement options below to see if any apply to you.

Contact placement@pencol.edu with questions and to submit supporting documents

High School Transcript Placements – U.S. high school graduates, within the last 10 years, with cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above (not available for homeschool).

Requirement	Placements
No additional requirement	English 101
High School Algebra 2/Trigonometry with B or above	Math 141
High School Honors Precalculus with C- to B-	Math 142
High School Honors Precalculus with B or above	Math 151

High School Transcript Placement - within last 10 years, no grad or overall GPA requirement

English Requirement	Placement	
High school English classes – 2 years with C- to B-	English 90	
High school English classes – 2 years with B or above	English 101	
Math Requirement	Placement	
High school Algebra 1 and Geometry (or 2 years math) with C or above	Math 90	
High school Algebra 2 with B or above	Math 098 / 107 / 111 / 146; Phil 120	
High school Pre-Calculus with B or above	Math 141	

GED Test Scores: (GED test taken 2014 or later - within 10 years)

English Requirement	Placement
Reasoning Through Language Arts score 145-164	English 90
Reasoning Through Language Arts score 165+	English 101
Math Requirement	Placement
Math Score 145-164	Math 090
Math Score 165+	Math 098 / 107 / 111 / 146; Phil 120

Smarter Balanced Scores: (within 2 years of HS attendance, taken in grade 9 or above)

English Requirement	Placement	
ELA Score of Level 3 or 4	English 101	
High school English Bridge class with B or above	English 101	
Math Requirement	Placement	
Math Score Level 3 or 4 PLUS B or above in Algebra 2	Math 098 / 107 / 111 / 146; Phil 120	

High school Math Bridge class with B or above	Math 098 / 107 / 111 / 146; Phil 120
Math Score Level 3 or 4 PLUS B or above in Pre-Calc	Math 141

SAT Scores: (within 3 years of test date)

English Requirement	Placement	
Evidence Based Reading/Writing Score of 480 or above	English 101	
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Math Requirement	Placement	
Math Score of 520-579	Math 098 / 107 / 111 / 146; Phil 120	

ACT Scores: (within 3 years of test date)

English Requirement	Placement	
Reading Score of 19 or higher	English 101	
Math Requirement	Placement	
Math Score of 21-23	Math 098 / 107 / 111 / 146; Phil 120	
Math Score of 24 or higher	Math 141 / 142 / 151	

Additional placement options:

- ➤ Placement Test Scores previous Accuplacer or Compass test scores.
- Placement Reciprocity placement by another Washington state community/technical college within the last year.
- > English Placement Essay Write a short essay for review and placement by English faculty
- ➤ Math Challenge Assessment Take the final exam for a pre-requisite math course
- College Transcripts if you passed math or English college classes at another college.
- Advanced Placement/CLEP/International Baccalaureate/Cambridge International credits for more info, go to: https://pencol.edu/academic-resources/prior-learning-assessment

Self-Placement

Requirement	Placements
Option to self-place into English 90 and Math 63 without having to take a placement test. <i>Must contact Placement Center to request self-placement</i> .	English 90 & Math 63

ACCUPLACER Assessment – if no other placement options will work, sign up for the assessment at: https://pencol.edu/placement-testing

Documentation in support of the placement options above, including official or unofficial high school or college transcripts, should be submitted to placement@pencol.edu for review.

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