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# Alternative Placement Options

Appropriate placement is important as it affects a student's ability to progress through their courses and promotes academic success in their program of study. In order to determine the best classes for you, your reading, writing, and math skills will be assessed.

## What Placement Method is Best for You?

Your previous educational experience will help determine which alternative placement might be an option for you. Identify your category, select a placement choice from the list, and **review the information and requirements about placement options described below the chart.**

RUNNING START	RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	ATTENDED ANOTHER COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	NOT YET RECEIVED A GED OR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	NON-DEGREE/CERTIFICATE SEEKING STUDENT
<p>High School English (Agreement with Port Angeles and Sequim High Schools Only)</p> <p>Smarter Balanced Assessment</p> <p>Bridge to College High School class (WA only)</p> <p>Advanced Placement</p> <p>SAT/ACT scores</p> <p>ACCUPLACER Assessment</p>	<p>High School Transcripts</p> <p>High School English (Agreement with Port Angeles and Sequim High Schools Only)</p> <p>Smarter Balanced Assessment</p> <p>Bridge to College High School class (WA only)</p> <p>Advanced Placement</p> <p>SAT/ACT scores</p>	<p>College Transcripts</p> <p>Transfer of ACCUPLACER or COMPASS Assessment Scores</p> <p>Placement Reciprocity (for other Washington Community or Technical Colleges)</p>	<p>ACCUPLACER Assessment (check requirements to receive financial aid)</p>	<p>No Placement Necessary (with the exception of those courses requiring an English or Math pre-requisite)</p>

***Submit all alternative placement paperwork with an Alternative Placement Request Form to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Student Services Building (D) for placement review.***

### *ACCUPLACER*

The ACCUPLACER placement assessment is a computer-based, untimed assessment used to accurately place students. There is no “passing” score, rather scores indicate the most appropriate courses for you to begin in college. Students who have completed an Accuplacer or Compass placement exam at another college may transfer scores.

### *Advanced Placement*

Advancement Placement is a program available in high schools to provide students the opportunity to take college level courses in the high school setting. Students who have completed AP classes **and the AP exams** may be eligible for placement at Peninsula College. Students may be placed into, or receive credit for, math and English courses based on qualifying scores on the AP exams. To utilize test scores for placement, submit your official AP exam score report from the College Entrance Exam Board.

### *College Level Transcripts/Placement Reciprocity*

Students with previous college credit from accredited institutions may be able to use transcripts for placement into math, English and a variety of other courses. To utilize previous college credit for prerequisite purposes, submit unofficial (or official) transcripts. Course must be a college math or English class with grade of 2.0 or higher. Unofficial transcripts must include: institution name, student name, and letter or decimal grade. To receive credit for courses, official transcripts must be submitted for review.

### *High School Transcripts (effective winter quarter 2019)*

Recent graduates (**within five years**) with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better may be placed into English 101 and non-STEM math (Math 098/Math 107/Math 111/Math 146). Additionally, if a student has a B or better in Algebra 2, they may be placed into Pre-Calculus (Math 141). Submit official or unofficial high school transcripts.

### *High School Transcripts – Port Angeles & Sequim English agreement*

Students from **Port Angeles or Sequim high schools** may be eligible to use high school transcripts for English placement. **See chart below.** Submit official or unofficial high school transcripts. **Currently only available to Sequim and Port Angeles High School students-good for 2 years after graduation or last semester of attendance.**

### *Smarter Balanced Assessment*

Students may be eligible to use their Smarter Balanced Assessment scores for math and English placement. Smarter Balanced testing is given by Washington state high schools and some other states as well. **Scores are valid for 2 years** after the last semester of attendance and must have been taken in grade 10 or above. Submit Smarter Balanced score report (or high school transcript with the SB score notation). If taken in **2018 or later**, high school transcript must also be submitted. **See chart below.**

### *Bridge to College High School Class (WA only)*

Students may be placed into college level English or math if they have completed a Bridge to College high school class with a B or better grade. Please submit your high school transcript (English #01069, Math #02099)

### *SAT/ACT Scores*

Students may use SAT/ACT scores for college-level math and English placement if they meet the criteria listed below. **Good for 3 years from test date.** Submit your scores from the College Board or ACT. **See chart below.**

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DOCUMENTS MAY  
BE EMAILED TO  
[TESTING@PENCOL.EDU](mailto:TESTING@PENCOL.EDU)**

## Port Angeles and Sequim High Schools (English placement)

Students must have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher. We will accept completion of at least 1 semester and will use the most recent semester grade. **(Good for 2 years after graduation or last semester of attendance.)**

<b>Port Angeles High School Course</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Placement</b>
<i>English 12 AP</i>	<i>C+ or better</i>	<i>English 101</i>
<i>English 12 -Regular</i>	<i>B- or below</i>	<i>English 90</i>
	<i>B or better</i>	<i>English 101</i>
<i>AP Literature (Formerly AP American Studies)(Engl 11)</i>	<i>C+ or better</i>	<i>English 101</i>
<i>English 11 -Regular (Formerly American Studies)</i>	<i>A-or better</i>	<i>English 101</i>
<i>English 10 Honors</i>	<i>B or better</i>	<i>English 101</i>
<b>Sequim High School Course</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Placement</b>
<i>English 12 AP -Engl Lit/Comp</i>	<i>C+ or better</i>	<i>English 101</i>
<i>English 12 -Regular Sr. Comp</i>	<i>B- or below</i>	<i>English 90</i>
	<i>B or better</i>	<i>English 101</i>
<i>American Studies AP (Engl. 11)-AP Eng Lang 11</i>	<i>C+ or better</i>	<i>English 101</i>
<i>American Studies-Regular 11 Amer Lit/Comp</i>	<i>A- or better</i>	<i>English 101</i>
<i>English 10-10th World Lit Honors</i>	<i>A-or better</i>	<i>English 101</i>

## SAT and ACT Assessment Score Placement (Good for 3 years from test date.)

<b>Test</b>	<b>Math Placement Option</b>		<b>English Placement Option</b>
	<i>Non-STEM college-level placement</i>	<i>STEM college-level placement</i>	
<b>SAT</b>	<i>Math Score: 520-579 Placement: Math&amp; 107 (Math in Society), Math&amp;146 (Statistics), Math&amp; 111</i>	<i>Math Score: 580 or greater Placement: Math&amp; 141, Math&amp; 151</i>	<i>Reading and Writing Score: 480 or higher Placement: English 101</i>
<b>ACT</b>	<i>Math Score: 21 or greater Placement: Math&amp; 107 (Math in Society), Math&amp;146 (Statistics), Math&amp; 111</i>	<i>Math Score: 24 or greater Placement: Math&amp; 141, Math&amp; 151</i>	<i>Reading and Writing Score: 19 or greater Placement: English 101</i>

**Smarter Balanced High School Assessment Placement (Good for 2 years after the last semester of attendance)**

**Smarter Balanced assessments taken in Spring 2018 and after** (Date of exam must show on documentation of scores)

<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Math Placement Option</b>	<b>Requirements</b>	<b>English Placement Option</b>
<b>SBA Level 3 or 4 PLUS B or better in high school pre-calculus or higher class</b>	Math&141 (Pre-calculus)	<b>SBA Level 3 or 4</b>	Any <b>entry college (100-level)</b> English course
<b>SBA Level 3 or 4 PLUS B or better in Algebra 2 AND C or better in one math class in jr or sr year</b>	Math& 107 (Math in Society), Math 111 (Finite Math), Math& 146 (Statistics), Math 098 (Intermediate Algebra)	<b>OR B or better in a designated Bridge to College English class.</b>	Any <b>entry college (100-level)</b> English course
<b>OR B or better in a designated Bridge to College Math class.</b>	Math&107 (Math in Society), Math 111 (Finite Math), Math& 146 (Statistics), Math 098 (Int. Algebra)		

**Smarter Balanced assessments taken Spring 2017 and prior** (Date of exam must show on documentation of scores)

<b>SBA Level</b>	<b>Math Placement Option</b>	<b>English Placement Option</b>
<b>4</b>	Any entry college-level math course through Math&141 (Pre-calculus I)	Any <b>entry college (100-level)</b> English course
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Math&amp; 107 (Math in Society), Math 111 (Finite Math), Math&amp; 146 (Statistics), Math 098 (Intermediate Algebra)</li> <li>➤ Math&amp;141 (Pre-calculus I) <b>contingent on</b> a B or better in a calculus pathway class as a high school senior</li> </ul>	Any <b>entry college (100-level)</b> English course
<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Math&amp;107 (Math in Society), Math 111 (Finite Math), Math&amp; 146 (Statistics), Math 098 (Int Alg) <b>contingent on</b> a B or better in a statewide Bridge to College Math class</li> </ul>	An <b>entry college (100-level)</b> English course <b>contingent on</b> a B or better in a statewide Bridge to College English class
<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Not Valid for Placement</li> </ul>	Not Valid for Placement

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