

TEMPLE COLLEGE TSI PLAN

In July 2003, the 78th Texas Legislature repealed the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) developed the Texas Success Initiative (TSI). TSI refers to college-prep courses which are defined as any college course below collegiate level designed specifically to prepare students for college level coursework. To comply with TSI requirements, the Temple College Texas Success Initiative Plan was created. In 2009, the plan was revised. The effective date for the implementation of this revised plan is fall 2010. Any questions regarding the plan should be directed to the Director of Testing.

LEVEL-I CERTIFICATE SEEKING STUDENTS (Other Than High School Students – See Appropriate Section)

Students who declare intent to complete a Level-I certificate program and who enroll in Level-I certificate courses are not required to take the assessment exam. However, if they decide to enter a Level-II certificate program or a degree program, a placement exam must be taken prior to enrolling in any subsequent college-level courses.

LEVEL-II CERTIFICATE SEEKING STUDENTS

Students who enroll in a Level-II certificate program (at least 43 but no more than 59 semester credit hours) are required to take a placement exam prior to enrolling in any college-level courses. Based upon placement exam scores, students may be required to participate in college-prep courses in adherence to the Temple College TSI Plan.

DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS

Students seeking a degree are required to take an assessment exam prior to enrolling in any college-level courses. Based upon placement exam scores, student may be required to participate in college-prep courses in adherence to the Temple College TSI Plan.

Students seeking exemption from the placement exam must submit documentation supporting the exemption. For a list of exemptions and necessary documentation see Exemptions/Exceptions listed later in this document. All documentation must be received in Admissions and Records before the student will be allowed to enroll in courses at Temple College.

TRANSFER STUDENTS TO TEMPLE COLLEGE

Transfer students will be required to meet all Texas Success Initiative requirements. Students are responsible for submission of official documentation of their coursework or Texas Success Initiative status on an official transcript from the college or university previously attended. This transcript must be received in the Admissions and Records Office before the student will be allowed to enroll at Temple College if the student is claiming an exemption or completion status.

Transfer from a Texas Public Institution

If placement exam scores are not received on an official transcript, students transferring from a Texas public institution will be required to take the assessment exam prior to enrolling. Students who have been participating in college-prep courses at another institution will be advised regarding TSI placement.

Transfer from a Private or Out-of-State Institution

Students who transfer to Temple College from an accredited private or out-of-state institution of higher education will be exempt from the placement exam by meeting the following requirements:

- documentation of completion of nine hours of college-level coursework with a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA or
- documentation of matriculation with an associate degree or higher.

Students transferring from a private or out-of-state institution who do not meet the exemption criteria above may use transfer courses which correspond to the designated courses to satisfy TSI requirements. Students who have earned a passing grade in a skill area will be considered to have satisfied the TSI requirement in that area. Students who do not have a passing grade in the designated course equivalent will be required to take the assessment exam in that area. Students must comply with all TSI requirements.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

All high school students (including Level-I Certificate seeking students) who plan to enroll in college credit classes (dual credit, middle college, early college, Texas Bioscience Institute, ...) must take the placement exam, meet waiver requirements, or meet exemption criteria prior to enrolling in any college-level courses. Students must have a placement score, waiver or exemption in each TSI area – Reading, Math, and Writing. Students must meet minimum requirements for the TXI area(s) related to the course(s) in which they intend to enroll. High school students are not required to participate in college-prep courses for the TSI area(s) not met, but are encouraged to take courses in high school to remedy

any skill deficiencies. When these students graduate from high school, all Texas Success Initiative requirements apply for any section of the placement exam not met.

High school students who have taken the 10th grade TAKS test may be waived from the placement exam for the math section by making a minimum scale score of 2200 on the math section and from the reading and writing sections by making a minimum scale score of 2200 on the English/Language Arts section with a minimum writing subsection score of 3.

High school students who have taken the PSAT/NMSQT may be waived from the placement exam by achieving a combined score of 107 with a minimum of 50 on the critical reading and/or mathematics test relevant to the courses to be attempted.

High school students who have taken the PLAN may be waived from the placement exam by achieving a 19 or higher in mathematics and English. Eligible high school students who have enrolled in dual credit under this provision must demonstrate eligibility to enroll in dual credit courses in twelfth grade.

High school students who have taken the 11th grade TAKS, the ACT or the SAT tests may be exempt from the placement exam if they meet or exceed minimum requirements outlined in the section EXEMPTIONS/EXCEPTIONS – ACT/SAT/TAKS.

High school students who have received an exemption from taking the TAKS test are not exempt from TSI and must take a placement exam prior to enrolling in any college-level courses.

High school students who have successfully completed college-level courses in the reading, writing and/or mathematics areas will be considered to have met the Texas Success Initiative requirement in that area.

TSI SATISFIED OTHER

Student who have not met TSI requirements but have successfully completed certain college-level courses may be coded as TSI Satisfied Other.

Courses designated to meet TSI Satisfied Other are:

WRITING

ENGL 1301 (Composition I); **or**
ENGL 1302 (Composition II)

READING

HIST 1301, 1302 (U. S. History I or II);
ENGL 2322, 2323 (British Literature I or II);
ENGL 2332, 2333 (World Literature I or II);
ENGL 2327, 2328 (American Literature I or II);
PSYC 2301 (General Psychology);
GOVT 2301, 2302, (American Government I or II); **or**
SOCI 1301 (Introduction to Sociology)

NON-DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS OTHER THAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students who are not seeking a degree or Level-II certificate and enroll only in college-prep courses are not required to take a placement exam. Students who have not taken a placement exam or who were not otherwise waived or exempted from the placement exam will be assigned an individualized TSI plan beginning in the lowest level.

Casual / Enrichment Students

Casual students are defined as students who desire to enroll in a course for personal enrichment or job skill training. These students are not seeking a degree or Level-II certificate and they have not been enrolled at Temple College within the previous year as a degree or Level-II certificate student. Casual students are waived from taking a placement exam. Casual students must declare their educational intent as non-degree seeking at the beginning of each enrolled term. Casual students are limited to two courses each semester.

International Students

International students not seeking a degree or Level-II certificate are waived from the placement exam.

EXEMPTIONS / EXCEPTIONS

Earned Degrees

Texas Success Initiative requirements do not apply to students who have graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

ACT / SAT / TAKS

Students who meet the following exemption standards with ACT, SAT, or TAKS scores that have not expired maybe exempt from corresponding TSI area(s).

- ACT: composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on the English test (for Reading and Writing sections) and/or the mathematics test (Math section) shall exempt students for the corresponding TSI area(s). (Scores expire after 5 years from test date)
- SAT: combined critical reading (verbal) and mathematics score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on the critical reading test (for Reading and Writing sections) and/or the mathematics test (Math section) for the corresponding TSI area(s). For the new SAT tests that include a writing component, ignore the writing section when evaluating a SAT exemption until the Coordinating Board approves the passing standard for writing. (Scores expire after 5 years from test date)
- TAKS: on the 11th grade exit-level test, with a minimum scale score of 2200 on math section and/or a minimum scale score of 2200 on the English Language Arts with a writing subsection score of at least 3 shall exempt students from the corresponding TSI area(s). (Scores expire after 3 years test date)

AP and IB Scores/Dual Credit Grades

Students who have satisfactorily completed college-level coursework in a related field using AP scores, IB scores, or dual credit grades, as determined by the receiving institution, are exempt for the corresponding TSI area(s).

Students must present official documentation of a claimed exemption, e.g., high school transcripts, previously attended college(s), or ACT/SAT score reports. The student must furnish this documentation prior to enrolling.

Military

Honorable Discharged, Retired, or Released Military

Students are exempt from TSI requirements who, on or after August 1, 1990, were honorably discharged, retired or released from

- (a) active-duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard or
- (b) service as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States.

Active Duty or Reserve Military

Students are waived (TSI requirements do not apply) while serving

- on active-duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard or
- as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and have been serving for at least the three-year period preceding enrollment.

OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

Texas institutions that offer college-level courses outside the state of Texas or the United States are not responsible for administering the placement exam to students taking courses at an out-of-state or overseas location, but this is true only as long as the students remain outside the state. If students involved in taking courses from Texas public colleges or universities return to Texas to continue or to complete their academic work, they immediately become liable for all Texas Successive Initiative requirements. Unless otherwise exempt, these students must take the placement exam approved for assessment purposes prior to any in-state collegiate-level work at a Texas public institution of higher education and must enroll in college-prep courses if needed.

PLACEMENT EXAM STANDARDS

Passing Standards

TEST	READING SKILLS	MATHEMATICS	WRITING SKILLS	ESSAY*
ASSET	41	38 (Elementary Algebra)	40	6
COMPASS	81	39 (Algebra)	59	6
ACCUPLACER	78	63 (Elementary Algebra)	80	6
THEA	230	230	220	6

*An essay with a score of 5 will meet this standard if students meet the objective writing test standard. The entire writing test is to be taken during one test administration - essay and objective portions.

Minimum Standards

TEST	READING SKILLS	MATHEMATICS	WRITING SKILLS	ESSAY*
ASSET	35	30 (Elementary Algebra)	35	5
COMPASS	64	23 (Algebra)	44	5
ACCUPLACER	61	42 (Elementary Algebra)	62	5
THEA	201	206	205	5

*An essay with a score of 5 will meet this standard if students meet the objective writing test standard. The entire writing test is to be taken during one test administration - essay and objective portions.

TESTING

Beginning June 1, 2006, Temple College began administering the ACCUPLACER test for assessment purposes. Temple College will continue to administer the THEA (Texas Higher Education Assessment) Test. Temple College will also accept placement exam scores from other Texas public colleges and universities displayed on official college transcripts or test score reports. These score reports must be received in a sealed envelope directly from the verifying institution.

Check the Temple College Web page www.templejc.edu or call the Testing Center at (254) 298-8586 or 1-800-460-4636 for dates and times the placement exams will be administered. There is no pre-registration. Registration forms will be completed and exam fees will be paid on the day of the exam.

National Evaluation Systems, Inc. (NES) does large-scale test administrations of the THEA Test on several Saturdays during the year. For dates, times, locations, and registration information, please refer to the THEA Registration Bulletin available in the Advising Center or check the NES website www.thea.nesinc.com. Advanced registration is required for Saturday tests.

Prospective Temple College students are encouraged to complete an Application for Admission prior to the test date to ensure proper matching of scores.

Students requesting special accommodations should contact the Coordinator of Disability Services at (254) 298-8335 for information regarding the accommodations prior to testing.

STUDENTS WITH DOCUMENTED DISABILITIES

Temple College abides by the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which stipulates that no student shall be denied the benefits of an education. After a student is registered with the Coordinator of Disabilities Services, college staff will take the steps required for reasonable accommodations to insure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated or otherwise treated differently.

- Students must provide notice of the disability by submitting appropriate documentation to the Temple College Coordinator of Disability Services.
- All documentation must be on file with the Coordinator of Disability Services prior to scheduling the placement exam with accommodations. The Disabilities Coordinator and the Testing Center Director will make arrangements for the appropriate accommodations. These arrangements may take two to three weeks to complete. Students may contact National Evaluation Systems for an alternative method to test with accommodations.
- If a student has tested and the scores do not meet the passing standards as set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, an individualized TSI plan will be written for that student.

- Upon successful completion of each portion of the student's TSI plan, as determined by their instructors, the student will be given a letter of completion for that area of the plan.
- Students must pass a designated course for each required area in order to be considered TSI satisfied.

ADVISING

Students who have not met the minimum passing standards of the placement exam will be required to see an academic advisor. Academic advisors will monitor student progress throughout the TSI process. The advisors will assist students in selecting appropriate college-prep courses. Students will be required to enroll and remain enrolled in at least one college-prep course each semester until TSI requirements have been met.

The Director of Testing, with assistance from the Admissions and Records office, will monitor student schedules for compliance with the TSI plan. If students are not in compliance, they will be contacted and placed into correct courses prior to the official census date of the term.

COLLEGE PREPARATION

Students who do not meet the standard set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a tested skill area on a placement exam must participate continuously in the TSI program upon enrollment at Temple College. "Continuously" means that until the institution certifies that a student has successfully completed the program, the student must participate in the program. The program is completed for a TSI area when a student either successfully completes the last course in the TSI sequence or meets the minimum standard set for the placement exam.

EVALUATION PLAN TEMPLE COLLEGE TSI PROGRAM

The Temple College TSI Program will be evaluated yearly by the department chairs and the instructors in each of the areas: Reading, Writing, and Math. Evaluations will be reviewed by the Temple College Texas Success Initiative Advisory Committee.

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TSI SECTION: READING					
TEST SCORE	COURSE / TEST	COURSE TITLE / REQUIREMENTS	SEM HRS	LV	TSI STATUS
THEA 0-229 ACCUPLACER 0-77 ASSET 0-40 COMPASS 0-80	and	Student has an exemption level score on the appropriate section of the ACT or SAT test for the reading area.	NA	NA	Complete
THEA 0-201 ACCUPLACER 0-60 ASSET 0-34 COMPASS 0-63	STSK 0305 and READ 0301	Must enroll in STSK 0305 - Master Student for TSI and READ 0301 – Introduction to College Reading Techniques concurrently unless STSK 0305 has previously been successfully completed. Must make a grade of “C or better” in STSK 0305 or must retake STSK 0305 until a grade of “C or better” is achieved. Must make a grade of “C or better” in READ 0301 to attempt next course.	3 3	1 1	In Progress In Progress
THEA 202-229 ACCUPLACER 61-77 ASSET 35-40 COMPASS 64-80 or A grade of “C or better” in READ 0301	READ-0302	College Reading Techniques – Must make a grade of “C or better” to complete TSI reading requirements.	3	2	Complete

A student’s TSI plan may be adjusted if the student’s placement does not accurately reflect his/her abilities. If at any time the student meets the passing standards on an placement exam, TSI is complete.

TSI SECTION: WRITING					
TEST SCORE	COURSE / TEST	COURSE TITLE / REQUIREMENTS	SEM HRS	LV	TSI STATUS
THEA 0-219 ACCUPLACER 0-79 & WS-5 ASSET 0-39 & WS-5 COMPASS 0-58 & WS-5	and	Student has an exemption level score on the ACT or SAT test for the writing area.	NA	NA	Complete
THEA 0-204 ACCUPLACER WS 0-4 or SS 0-61 & WS 5 ASSET WS 0-4 or SS 0-34 & WS 5 COMPASS WS 0-4 or SS 0-43 & WS 5	STSK 0305 and ENGL 0301	Must enroll in STSK 0305 – Master Student for TSI and ENGL 0301 – Basic Writing I concurrently unless STSK 0305 has previously been successfully completed. Must make a grade of “C or better” in STSK 0305 or must retake STSK 0305 until a grade of “C or better” is achieved. Must make a grade of “C or better” in ENGL 0301 to attempt next course.	3 3	1 1	In Progress In Progress
THEA 205-219 ACCUPLACER 62-79 & WS 5 ASSET 35-39 & WS 5 COMPASS44-58 & WS 5 or A grade of “C or better” in ENGL 0301	ENGL-0302	Basic Writing II – Must make a grade of “C or better” in ENGL 0302 to complete TSI writing requirements.	3	2	Complete

A student’s TSI plan may be adjusted if the student’s placement does not accurately reflect his/her abilities. If at any time the student meets the passing standards on a placement exam, TSI is complete.

TSI SECTION: MATH					
TEST SCORE	COURSE / TEST	COURSE TITLE / REQUIREMENTS	SEM HRS	LV	TSI STATUS
THEA 0-229 ACCUPLACER 0-62 ASSET EA 0-37 COMPASS 0-38	and	Student has an exemption level score on the ACT or SAT test for the Math area	NA	NA	Complete
THEA 0-205 ACCUPLACER 0-41 ASSET EA 0-29 COMPASS 0-22	MATH- 0310	Pre-Algebra I Students who score at the READ 0301 level are highly recommended to take READ 0301 in conjunction with or prior to MATH 0310. A grade of "C or better" in MATH 0310 advances to MATH 0330 – Introduction to Algebra I	3	1	In Progress
THEA 206-229 ACCUPLACER 42-62 ASSET EA 30-37 COMPASS 23-38 or A grade of "C or better" in MATH 0310	MATH 0330	Introduction to Algebra I Students who score at the READ 0301 level are highly recommended to take READ 0301 in conjunction with or prior to MATH 0330. A grade of "C or better" in MATH 0330 completes math for TSI and advances to MATH 0350 – Intermediate Algebra	3	2	Complete
College-prep math courses allow students to work at their own pace to complete course requirements. Because of this flexibility, some students are able to complete the entire course of study of the math program without registering for every course in the sequence. Should a student complete the program in an earlier course, the math instructor will document that the student has completed the program. This documentation will be kept in the student's record. If at any time the student meets the passing standards on a placement exam, TSI is complete.					