

TEMPLE COLLEGE TSI PLAN

Effective Spring 2021

As of fall 2003, students attending Texas public institutions of higher education must be in compliance with the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) in order to enroll in public institutions of higher education (Texas Education Code §51.3062). During the 82nd legislative session, changes were made that require all Texas public institutions of higher education to assess college students under the Texas Success Initiative (TEC §51.3062).

The law requires all entering college students be assessed for college readiness in reading, mathematics, and writing prior to enrollment unless the student qualifies for an exemption as outlined in the Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part I, Chapter 4, Subchapter C. Each non-exempt student who fails to meet the minimum passing standard of the exam offered by the institution must be placed in an appropriate developmental education program and/or Adult Basic Education (Levels 1 – 4) program designed to help the student achieve college readiness.

Contact the Director of Testing at (254) 298-8585 for any questions regarding the Temple College TSI plan.

COLLEGE PREPARATION

Students who do not meet the standard established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for a tested skill area on an assessment test 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.

Students who do not meet the minimum standards set for the TSI Assessment (TSIA2) must, their next semester, enroll in and remain continuously enrolled in an appropriate developmental education course or co-requisite course until the program is completed. The program is completed for a section when a student either successfully completes the last course in the TSI sequence or meets the minimum standard set for TSI.

The first time students drop or are dropped from their only developmental class or co-requisite class within a given term, they must meet with an academic advisor, who will assign the student to a success coach. The student must enroll in at least one developmental course or co-requisite course, but carry no more than four courses, in their following semester.

The second time a student drops or is dropped from all developmental classes or co-requisite classes within a given term, the student will be assigned to a student success coach and permitted to enroll in no more than three courses, including at least one developmental course or co-requisite course sequence.

The third time a student drops or is dropped from all developmental classes or co-requisite classes within a given term, he or she will be permitted to enroll in only the same developmental courses or co-requisite courses in their following semester. During this time, the student will only be permitted to enroll in developmental courses or co-requisite course until the student is TSI met in the subject area. A student success coach will monitor progress. At any point, the student can retest TSIA2.

TESTING

Beginning January 11, 2021, the TSIA2 is the only state-approved placement test accepted to meet TSI standards. Temple College will accept TSIA2 scores from other Texas public colleges and universities listed on official college transcripts or official TSIA2 score reports. The official transcript or score report must be in a sealed envelope from the institution where the test was administered. The prior TSIA (first version) exam will be accepted for up to five years from the date the test was given.

PRE-ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY

Students must complete an approved Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) before they are eligible to take the TSI assessment at Temple College. The College's PAA is available online through the Testing Center website, or may be found directly at www.tsipreview.com. Upon completion of the PAA, students must present the Certificate of Completion to the Testing Center by the day of testing. It may be shown in-person, or emailed to testingcenter@templejc.edu.

Main Campus (Temple) and EWCHEC-Hutto Testing Centers offer the TSIA2, as well as a remote testing option. Testing appointments are scheduled by phone, email, or in person and take place five days per week. If there is available space, walk-ins on a first-come, first-served basis are allowed. Please contact their department to schedule in-person or remote testing at testing@templejc.edu. Testing Center hours are available online through the Testing Center website or by calling the Temple Testing Center at (254) 298-8586 or the EWCHEC-Hutto Testing Center at (512) 759-5925. Testing fees must be paid on or before the day of the test. A picture ID reflecting current name and photo is required to take any test at either Testing Center.

Prospective Temple College students, including students interested in Dual Credit, are encouraged to complete an Application for Admission prior to the test date to ensure proper matching of scores.

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. Students requesting special accommodations should contact the Coordinator of Student Accommodations at (254) 298-8335 prior to taking the TSIA. After a student registers with the Coordinator of Student Accommodations, college staff will take the steps required for reasonable accommodations to ensure 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 Student Accommodations.
- All documentation must be on file with the Coordinator of Student Accommodations prior to scheduling the assessment test with accommodations.

Some accommodations require a testing appointment. The Coordinator of Student Accommodations, and the Director of Testing will arrange for the appropriate accommodations. These arrangements may take two to three weeks to be completed. Please notify Testing staff when scheduling if you have accommodations, so that they may be honored.

ADVISING

Students who have not met the minimum passing standards of the TSIA2 will be required to see an academic advisor until all TSI requirements have been completed. Academic advisors will monitor students' progress through the TSI program. Once students have tested and their scores do not meet the passing standards as set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, a TSI plan will be written for the student on a case-by-case basis. The advisors will assist students to select appropriate developmental education courses or co-requisite course(s). Students will be required to enroll and remain enrolled in at least one developmental course or co-requisite course each semester. They must follow the plan until all TSI requirements have been met. Students must pass a designated developmental course or co-requisite course for each required area in order to be considered TSI satisfied.

The Advising Director 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. The Student Success Coaches will monitor progress toward successful completion of TSI plan requirements.

TSI Placement Tests and Minimum Passing Scores prior to January 11, 2021

Assessment	Reading	Writing	Math
TSIA (valid for five years from date of testing)	351	Writing 340 and Essay 4+ or ABE Diagnostic of 4 and Essay 5+	350
Compass	81	W-6 or W-5 and Sentence Skills 59+	39
Accuplacer	78	W-6 I or W-5 and Sentence Skills 80+	63
THEA/TASP	230	220	230
THEA/TASP (before 9/95)	220	220	220

Disclaimer: Compass, Accuplacer, THEA and TASP can only be used for placement if the student registered for a course at Temple College or another institution of higher education prior to fall 2013. If the student took the test, but did not take a course (must have made a letter grade or had an attendance record designated by a drop or withdrawal) the student must take the current assessment test for Texas.

Temple College ABE Course Placement

Upon completing the TSIA2 entrance assessment, students who test with a Diagnostic score of 3 or below on the TSIA2 ELAR or Mathematics, or at a level 1-4 on the ABE diagnostic test of TSIA will be directed to the Adult Education and Literacy department for placement into ABE level coursework.

Temple College TSIA2 Placement Score Guidelines

- Students with TSIA or TSIA2 may use scores for up to five years from the date of administration.

	TSI Math Score	Course Placement
Math TSI Complete	College Readiness Classification score 950+ or College Readiness Classification score below 950 with Diagnostic score 6+	Eligible courses: MATH 1314 MATH 1324 MATH 1332 MATH 1442
Math TSI Not-Complete	College Readiness Classification score below 950 with Diagnostic score 4-5	Algebraic pathway MATH 1314 + MATH 0314+ STSK 0305 (co-enrolled) Statistics pathway MATH 1442 + MATH 0242+ STSK 0305 (co-enrolled) Contemporary pathway Math 1332+ MATH 0232+ STSK 0305 (co-enrolled) Business pathway Math 1324+MATH 0324+STSK 0305 (co-enrolled)
Math TSI Not-Complete	College Readiness Classification score below 950 AND Diagnostic score 3 or lower	*Refer to Adult Education and Literacy for ABE placement*
	TSI ELAR Score	Course Placement
Reading & Writing TSI Complete	College Readiness Classification score 945+ and Essay 5+ or College Readiness Classification score below 945 and essay of 5+ AND Diagnostic score of 5+	Reading and Writing based coursework permitted
Reading & Writing TSI Not-Complete	College Readiness Classification score below 945 AND Diagnostic score 4-5	ENGL 1301 + INRW 0201 (co-enrolled)
Reading & Writing TSI Not-Complete	College Readiness Classification score below 945 AND Diagnostic score 3 or lower	*Refer to Adult Education and Literacy for ABE placement*

* TSIA2 ELAR has replaced the TSIA Reading and Writing sections. ELAR determines student's TSIA readiness for both reading and writing placement.

Temple College TSIA Placement Score Guidelines

TSIA Mathematics	
Score Range	Mathematics Algebraic Course Sequence
ABE Level 4 or below	*Refer to Adult Education and Literacy for ABE placement*
310-335 with ABE Level 5 or 6 Or 336-349	MATH 0314 & MATH 1314 (Co-enrolled) Or MATH 0324 & MATH 1324 (Co-enrolled)
350+	MATH 1314, MATH 1324
Score Range	Mathematics Non-Algebraic Course Sequence
ABE Level 4 or below	*Refer to Adult Education and Literacy for ABE placement*
310-335 with ABE Level 5 or 6 Or 336-349	MATH 0242 & MATH 1442 (co-enrolled) Or MATH 0232 & MATH 1332 (co-enrolled)
350+	MATH 1332 or MATH 1442

TSIA Reading	
Score Range	Course
ABE Level 4 or lower	*Refer to Adult Education and Literacy for ABE placement*
310 – 341 with ABE Level 5 or 6	INRW 0201 & ENGL 1301 (co-enrolled)
351+	Entry-Level Freshman

TSIA Writing	
Score Range	Course
ABE Level 4 or lower	*Refer to Adult Education and Literacy for ABE placement*
340+ with Essay 3 or lower Or 310-339 with ABE Level 6	INRW 0201 & ENGL 1301 (co-enrolled)
Writing 340 with Essay of 4, or a placement score of less than 340, and an ABE Diagnostic level of at least 4, and an Essay of at least 5	Entry-Level Freshman