

Placement Testing Updates

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Tests & Services Offered

TESTS

- **ACT (American College Testing Assessment) National & Residual**
- **ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages)**
- **ATS (Admissions Test Series)**
- **Accommodated Testing – Residual ACT & Placement**
- **Certification Exams – Castle, Kryterion, PAN**
- **CLEP (College Level Exam Program)**
- **Correspondence - Paper & Computer Based**
- **ESL-PIC (English as a Second Language)**
- **GRE Subject Tests**
- **MAT (Miller Analogies Test)**
- **New Freshman Placement**
- **PPST PRAXIS**
- **Placement – Math, English, Chemistry, French, German, Japanese, Spanish**
- **Regional Placement Testing**
- **TOEFL IBT**

SERVICES

- **Exam Scoring**
- **Evaluation Processing**
- **Special Projects/Assessments**

Placement Testing Stats

July 2014-June 2015

- 15580 total tests administered
 - Over 14,000 placement tests (over 2800 NF + over 2000 regional testers)

Placement Testing Options

| Paper Based Test (PBT) | Logistics | Cost |
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| UWM New Freshman Placement | Administered at UWM, for UWM students only Large number of dates available, mostly weekdays Tests offered in math, English, foreign language, chemistry, & English as a Second Language (ESL) Receive information about orientation, housing, & financial aid Results posted to PAWS in 2 business days | Free |
| Regional Testing | Available to all UW students Locations across Wisconsin; Limited dates/locations in MN & IL Large number of dates available, mostly weekends Tests offered in math, English, and foreign language No chemistry or ESL testing offered Results posted to PAWS in 2-3 weeks | Free |
| Residual Testing by Appointment on a UW Campus | Available to all UW students Not available on all UW Campuses, very limited dates and locations Tests offered in math, English, and foreign language No chemistry or ESL testing offered Results posted to PAWS in 2-3 weeks | Fees Vary by Location |
| Computer Based Test | | |
| Residual Testing by Appointment at a Computer Test Center | Available to all UW students Test centers located throughout the country & internationally Chemistry and ESL testing are NOT offered in a computer based format Contracted through an outside company called Castle Must test at a Castle testing center | \$80-100 |

Transfer & Adult Students

Do Transfer Students need to take placement exams?

- If the student took placement tests at another UW System school, those scores can be transferred to UWM.
 - Weekly report run to pull scores from the statewide database & upload results to PAWS.
 - Students can call 414-229-2210 or email destest@uwm.edu to have those scores uploaded.
 - Advisors should email destest@uwm.edu if they would like to request tests taken at another UW campus be posted to a student's PAWS account. Please include the student's name, date of birth and approximate test date (if known) in the email.
- They may or may not need to take placement tests depending on their prior work.
- If their English and/or Math General Education Requirements for the academic program are already completed, placement tests are not needed.
- If neither of the above applies, the student needs to complete placement tests. For more information about UWM's Testing Center and to register for placement testing please visit testingcenter.uwm.edu or call 414-229-2210.

Do Adult Students need to take placement exams?

- All first time adult students will be required to take placement exams in Math and English. Certain majors will require a Chemistry placement test. Foreign Language placement exams are optional. They can visit testingcenter.uwm.edu or call 414-229-4689 (press 8) for more information or to schedule a test.

Study materials for placement tests can be found online at <https://www4.uwm.edu/des/testing/placementtests.cfm>

UWM's Retest Policies

These restrictions are necessary to ensure that recent familiarity with material on the subject is not reflected in inappropriately higher scores.

Math & English

UW-Milwaukee students are eligible to take the UW-System math and English placement test twice based on the following:

- It has been **25** days since the first time the exam was taken. An alternate test form will be administered.
- The student has not started course work in the subject. During the add/drop period (first two weeks of classes) this is waived.
- The student has not had coursework in the subject area for the last two years.
- The student must not have course work that transfers as credit to UWM in the course area.**
- The student has received permission from the English/math department to re-test for a third time or within the required waiting period. This is done on an appeal basis and the Testing Center requires permission directly from the department.

Chemistry

UW-Milwaukee students are eligible to take the UWM **Chemistry** placement test twice based on the following:

- It has been 8 weeks since the first time the exam was taken.
- The student has not started course work in the subject. During the add/drop period (first two weeks of classes) this is waived.
- The student has not had coursework in the subject area for the last two years (courses in the chemistry sequence 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105)*.
- The student must not have course work that transfers as credit to UWM in the chemistry sequence.**
- The student has received permission from the chemistry department to re-test for a third time or within the required waiting period. This is done on an appeal basis and the Testing Center requires permission directly from the department.

ESL-PIC

- It has been 16 weeks since the first time they took the exam. An alternate test form will be administered.
- The student has received permission from the ESL department to re-test within the required waiting period. This is done on an appeal basis and the Testing Center requires written permission on department letterhead.

testing currently do not have any formal retest restrictions.

**Transfer credit in a course area is determined by the application processing office. When a math, English or chemistry course from a previous institution transfers as an equivalent UWM course, it is determined that the student has been exposed to the test material.

QUESTIONS?
CONCERNS?
SUGGESTIONS?