

Placement Testing: General Information

- You must arrive no later than 2.5 hours before closing if taking the complete test.
- A photo ID is required to test.
- We offer the placement test in separate sections.
- The test will be taken on a computer; you will be given a pencil & scrap paper.

English Accuplacer Placement Tests

Writing Component

Essay (Writeplacer)

One hour time limit. The clock starts with first character typed in the response box.

Type a multi-paragraph essay in response to the prompt.

Hints:

Take a few minutes to collect your thoughts and form an outline on scrap paper.

Begin with an introduction, include body paragraphs and finish with a conclusion paragraph.

Include at least one specific example: tell a story to support your opinion (it can be made up).

Leave enough time to proofread your essay.

Reading Component

Next-Gen Reading

Untimed & multiple choice

* Word interpretation

* Identify the main ideas

Hints:

Read slowly and carefully. Re-read the passage 2 or 3 times if needed.

The first type of question consists of a reading passage followed by a question based on the text.

The second type of question is fill-in-the-blank. These questions are testing your vocabulary and knowledge of mechanical conventions in standard written English.

Math Accuplacer Placement Test

Math Component

Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics (QAS)

Untimed & multiple choice

Do not bring a calculator

Hints:

Linear equations/applications; factoring; quadratics; functions; radical & rational equations; polynomial equations; exponential & logarithmic equations; geometry concepts; trigonometry.

Although you cannot bring one in, a calculator may appear for some questions during the test.

Work at your own pace and do not skip questions!

You might be exempt from taking the Placement Test if at least one of the following is true...

- you graduated from high school within the last 5 years with an un-weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher and successfully completed 4 years of English and 3 years of Math in high school.
- you took the SATs and scored at least a 530 Math and/or 540 Critical Reading.
- you are transferring in credits for a college-level English or Math course from another college.

If none of the above exemptions apply to you, then you must take the Placement Test.

If you receive a score of 271 or higher on the QAS math test or are exempt from the Placement Test, you should take the Accuplacer test of higher math AAF

Websites for Guidance and Assistance

Union County College Website

908-709-7486

<https://www.ucc.edu/testing>

- *UCC hours and locations for testing*
- *Downloadable practice materials*
- *Links to websites for additional practice*

PLEASE NOTE: UCC is using the new Accuplacer placement tests referred to as: *Next-Generation or Next-Gen*

General Practice and Information

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice>

- *Information and practice for Next-Generation tests: Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra & Statistics; and Reading*
- *Download the free Study App for Next-Generation tests*
- *WritePlacer sample essays and information on writing a good essay*

English & Math

<https://uniontestprep.com/accuplacer-test/study-guide>

- *Choose Next-Generation tests*

Math*

<https://www.mathhelp.com/nextgen-accuplacer-qas>

- *Includes practice lessons for QAS*

Additional websites for Accuplacer practice NOT labeled as Next-Generation

<https://www.ucc.edu/discover-union/academic-learning-center/placement-testing-practice>

<http://www.studyguidezone.com/accuplacertest.htm>

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

**Please disregard "computation" or "arithmetic" preparation; UCC uses only the QAS test for Math placement.*