Understanding Your Writing Placement Score

PLACEMENT: ENROLL IN THIS COURSE ___________

- LIN101: Academic Skills for Non-Native English Writers
- LIN102: Advanced Academic Skills for Non-Native English Writers
- ENG111 & ENG109-01:* College Rhetoric and College Writing Workshop for 1 credit
- ENG111: *College Rhetoric
  
*Must take reading exam

ADDITIONAL 1 CREDIT COURSES

- ENG 109-01: College Writing Workshop and ENG110-01: College Writing Workshop II
  
Independent study in the Writing Center for students who need further work in writing. Students may elect to take one credit of ENG 109 or ENG 110 a semester; ENG 109 and ENG 110 can be repeated for up to three credits. **ENG110 is specifically designed for non-native English writers.**

UNDERSTANDING YOUR PLACEMENT:

![Diagram of placement options]

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

- **LIN101: Academic Skills for Non-Native English Writers**
  Intensive work developing academic English skills that Non-Native English (NNE) writers will need to succeed at the university. Focus on grammar, vocabulary, and organization of ideas into paragraphs and short essays, with additional support and development of reading skills, vocabulary building, and listening/speaking practice. Special focus on writing organized, coherent and grammatically correct paragraphs and short essays in the style expected of university level writing.

- **LIN102: Advanced Academic Skills for Non-Native English Writers**
  Experience in writing in recognized rhetorical modes, particularly focusing on developing grammar and vocabulary Non-Native English (NNE) writers need for writing persuasive essays. Intensive work in writing organized, coherent and grammatically correct essays in the style expected of university-level writing, with integrated support for developing reading, critical thinking, listening and speaking skills.

- **ENG109: College Writing Workshop**
  Individual help for students having problems with writing. Work required in the Writing Center.

- **ENG111: College Rhetoric**
  Introductory course in composition emphasizing written expression appropriate to successful college level work. Analytical readings; creative and critical thinking; development of a student’s sense of integrity as a writer.

- **ENG112: Critical Writing and Reading**
  Intensive course in critical and analytical reading, writing and research strategies necessary for successful academic work. Techniques for essay exams; argumentative, analytical, and critical papers; undergraduate research.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can I re-take the writing placement test to try for a better score?
A: No. This test is designed to identify the best starting point for you in the writing program. The test is directly tied to the writing curriculum, and will ensure that you get the right amount of support in developing your academic writing skills.

Q: When should I take the writing courses?
A: If you are placed into LIN101 or LIN102, you should take that class in your first semester. These classes will not only prepare you for the rest of the writing program, they will help you adjust to the academic expectations and culture at UM-Flint. They will also put you on track to finish the writing program in your first couple of years at the university. If you are placed in ENG111/109, it is a good idea for you to enroll in these classes in your first semester. These courses will help you to develop your writing skills which will be useful across all disciplines.

Q: I placed into ENG111/109. Do I have to take the reading placement test?
A: If you are a transfer student, you do not need to take the reading placement exam. If you took the ACT or SAT, your score will determine whether you need to enroll in ENG100. Your advisor will be able to tell you whether you are required to take ENG100. If you placed into ENG100 based on your ACT or SAT score, you may wish to take the reading placement test to determine if ENG100 can be waived. If you did not take either the SAT or ACT tests, or wish to try to waive ENG100, you MUST take the reading placement test to determine whether you should enroll in ENG100. If you placed into LIN101 or LIN102, passing these courses waive the requirement for ENG100 and the test.

Q: Where do I take the reading placement test?
A: The exam must be taken in the Student Success Center, and will take approximately 1 hour to complete. If you place into ENG100, you must take the course, and it is advisable to take the course in your first year at the university. Like ENG111, ENG100 is a prerequisite for ENG112. Even if you pass ENG111, you will not be able to register for ENG112 unless you have completed or waived the ENG100 requirement.

Q: Where can I get extra help with my writing?
A: The Marian E. Wright Writing Center, which is located in the university library, can help you with your writing. They help writers with any stage of the writing process (getting started, fine tuning topics, developing ideas or revising, finishing papers, and working on MLA and APA citations). The tutors at the writing center DO NOT edit papers for you. You can sign up for an appointment

Q: How do I register for ENG109 or ENG110?
A: Register for ENG109-01 or ENG110-01 through SIS, then sign up for your hours at the Marian E. Wright Writing Center. You should sign up in the first week of classes to have the best selection of meeting times. IMPORTANT: Bring your course and work schedule with you so that you don’t schedule your workshops at the same time as classes or your job.

Q: Where can I get more information about the writing program and writing culture at UM-Flint?
A: There is a document available online or in hard copy: The First Year Writing Survival Kit. To find it online, go to the English department website and there is a link on the left side of the screen https://www.umflint.edu/sites/default/files/groups/English_Department/kit19.pdf