WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES!

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is home to 25 undergraduate majors in some of the most highly ranked programs in the country. From anthropology to urban development, SBS majors focus on the full range of values, practices, social and environmental relationships, and institutions that define the human experience. Students learn how to gather and analyze information, think critically, and communicate effectively. This guide is designed to give SBS students an introduction to the English, mathematics, and second language requirements appropriate to our degree programs. Academic advisors in SBS are available and eager to assist students with specific questions.

MATH PLACEMENT OVERVIEW

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placement@math.arizona.edu

MATH TEST

All incoming freshmen students are required to take the UA Math Placement test. If you did not take the UA ALEKS Online Math Placement test, please do so as soon as possible through your Next Steps Center. If you did not test, your test percentage is available in the back of your student calendar on your Student Advising and Information Form.

RETESTING

Students who wish to retake the Math placement test will need to take a proctored test by appointment through the UA Testing Office or through an online proctoring service called ProctorU. There is a retesting fee; for the Math website for more information. Retesting for Fall 2015 registration should be done prior to the start of the semester. For more information see math.arizona.edu/placement/freshman

MATH PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS & OPTIONS

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SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES MATH REQUIREMENTS

Math Requirements for students in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences vary by major. The following page is an overview of the general education math requirement by course. Many majors in your college only have one math requirement, which can be taken first or second semester. As you are in a non-math intensive major you may start your math course in the spring, or at home in the summer. If you later find that you are interested in this option, please review the information at math.arizona.edu/academics/placement/credits to see how to have a math transfer course approved as satisfying a UA math requirement.

See the chart on the following page for your course and placement options.

AP MATH CREDIT FOR SBS

It is the student’s responsibility to adjust his/her schedule after AP Math scores are processed into the UA system.

AND KEEP IN MIND...

Admission to the UA does not guarantee placement into a UA Math course. Some students will need review through ALEKS Learning Mode, or a review course. All students are encouraged to review before taking a UA Math course.

PLEASE NOTE: Pre Health, Pre Pharmacy and Pre Law are NOT majors.
Find out more at prehealth.arizona.edu, pharmacy.arizona.edu and prelaw.arizona.edu
SECOND LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

Depending on the major, students must demonstrate either second, fourth, or sixth semester proficiency in a second language by (1) completing a second, fourth, or sixth semester or higher language course at the college level (e.g., at the UA or a community college); (2) passing a proctored language proficiency examination at the second or fourth semester level or higher; (3) earning a 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement Exam; (4) earning a 4 or higher on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Exam; or (5) earning an appropriate score on the College Level Examination Program Language Test.

Computer Adaptive Proficiency Exams are available for students who have studied or know French, German, Latin, Russian, or Spanish. For information concerning these exams or other languages at the University of Arizona, please visit humanities.arizona.edu.

WRITING PLACEMENT

WRITING PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH WRITING PROGRAM | writingplacement@email.arizona.edu

If you have AP, IB, or dual enrollment credit, or transfer credits that satisfy this requirement, please visit writingplacement@email.arizona.edu.

TO REQUEST THIS INFORMATION IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT (BRaille, DIGITAL, TAPE, OR LARGE PRINT) PLEASE CONTACT Carly Gieszl AT 520.621.6625.

How to Complete the First-Year Writing General Education and Foundation Requirement

UA students must complete the first-year writing sequence (Foundation Composition). Depending on your placement, you should plan to take three to seven composition units.

HOW IS MY PLACEMENT DETERMINED?

Your placement is determined by the sum of your SAT/ACT + GPA, which means most students are placed before they arrive at UA. We cannot determine your placement if we don’t have both scores, and thus, you may be required to take a writing placement exam. Based on your sum or exam, you are placed into English 101A, English 101, or English 109H (Honors).

WHAT DOES MY PLACEMENT MEAN?

Your placement score determines which writing courses you’ll take to satisfy this requirement. English 101 & 102 together satisfy the requirement; however, passing English 109H with a “C” or better also fulfills the writing requirement. If you believe your placement is incorrect, please contact the writing program regarding eligibility for a placement review.

WHAT IF I HAVE AP, IB, DUAL ENROLLMENT, OR TRANSFER CREDITS THAT SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT?

If you earned a 4 or higher on the AP Exam or a 5 or higher on the IB Exam, then you are placed into English 109H. You must earn a “C” grade or higher to fulfill the writing requirement.

If you have transfer credits from another college/university or dual enrollment credit, then you will either satisfy the requirement or you are required to take UA writing courses. Evaluation of your credit determines whether or not you have to take 101 and/or 102, or if your credit satisfies the writing requirement. If you have received elective credit or no credit for transfer courses and would like to appeal, please contact a transfer and placement coordinator at writingplacement@email.arizona.edu.

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Advising Contact Information

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to schedule an appointment with your academic advisor, please visit:
sbs.arizona.edu/advising/student/login.php
sbs.arizona.edu

SBs Undergraduate Majors & Degrees:

American Indian Studies (BA)
Anthropology (BA & BS)
Care, Health, and Society (BS)
Communication (BA)
Creative Writing (BA)
Criminal Justice Studies (BS)
Economics (BA)
English (BA)
Environmental Studies (BA)
Society (BA)
Gender and Women’s Studies (BA)
Geography (BA & BS)
History (BA)
Journalism (BA)

Jewish Studies (BA)
Latin American Studies (BA)
Law (BA)
Linguistics (BA)
Mexican American Studies (BA)
Middle Eastern and North African Studies (BA)
Philosophy (BA)
Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law (PPEL) (BA)
Political Science (BA)
Public Management and Policy (BS)
Sociology (BA)
Urban and Regional Development (BS)

INTRODUCTION TO MATH, SECOND LANGUAGE, AND WRITING PLACEMENT AT UA

The UA Math, second language, and writing placement process is described in this guide. Each of these areas has a strict set of rules that are used to place students. The overall purpose of our placement processes is to determine, based on your background and current demonstrated ability, which math, second language, and writing courses are appropriate for you.

All students greatly benefit from review, either through a course or on their own. We want students to do well in our courses. College courses are different from high school courses for many reasons, and placement is an important part of helping you start out with the right foundation. Please note that placement into a particular course does not guarantee a passing grade.