

Language Skills Testing and Placement

Language levels are determined from verbal SAT scores and the following two tests:

- Essay: A writing sample developed from a standard prompt -- 12 possible points
- Nelson Denny Reading Test (ND): A reading comprehension test -- 76 possible points

Results are used to place/advise students at the following levels:

Level I	ENGL 101 ENGL 107	ND G.E. less than 9.0 and Essay less than 6
PASS enrolls students in specified sections of ENGL101 and ENGL107 designed to provide additional support for the development of critical reading and writing skills.		
Level II	ENGL 101	ND G.E. less than 9.0 and Essay equal to or greater than 6 and VSAT less than 500 OR new SAT EGLR score less than 560
PASS enrolls students in specified sections of ENGL101 and may enroll them in specialized learning communities designed to build reading skills.		
Level III	ENGL 101	ND G.E. equal to or greater than 9.0 and Essay less than 6
PASS enrolls students in specified sections of ENGL101 designed to build writing skills.		
Level IV	ENGL 101	ND G.E. equal to or greater than 9.0 and Essay equal to or greater than 6 and VSAT less than 480 or new SAT EGLR score less than 540 OR ND G.E. less than 9.0 and Essay equal to or greater than 6 and VSAT equal to or greater than 500 or new SAT EGLR score \geq 560
Students at this level should enroll in ENGL101 their first semester.		
Level V	ENGL 101	ND G.E. equal to or greater than 9.0 and Essay equal to or greater than 7 and VSAT 480 or greater or new SAT EGLR score \geq 540
Students at this level should enroll in ENGL101 their second semester.		

G.E. = Grade Equivalent