EAP COMPASS Testing Directions

Is this testing right for me?
Welcome to JJC
EAP COMPASS testing!

* Over the next few minutes, you will learn:
  * The difference between high school ESL courses and EAP college courses,
  * The benefits of enrolling in college courses designed for non-native speakers,
  * Resources available to non-native speakers, and some
  * Test-taking tips.
Yes!

- An English ACT score of 20 means you DO NOT NEED ACT COMPASS Reading or Writing.
- A Math ACT score of 23 means you **MAY** NOT NEED ACT COMPASS Math.

Please see your COMPASS Proctor to discuss your particular situation.
How will EAP COMPASS testing help me?

- This type of testing was designed specifically for students whose first language is NOT English.

- EAP COMPASS test results will either place you in a college-level English course or an EAP English course.
What is an EAP English course?

* EAP stands for English for Academic Purposes.

* These courses are not ESL courses.
What are the differences between EAP and ESL?

**EAP Courses**  
(credit courses)

* Build academic English skills including the following:
  * Reading and writing at the college level,
  * Thinking critically about academic material, and
  * Presenting information with an academic focus

**ESL Courses**  
(not credit courses)

* Build day-to-day English skills including the following:
  * ABCs,
  * Conversational English,
  * Paying bills,
  * Ordering meals, and
  * Giving directions
Why should I enroll in EAP courses?

* **Different teaching style**
  * EAP courses are specifically designed for non-native speakers and also teach about the culture of the United States.
  * EAP students have more classroom time learning English than native speakers.
  * EAP instructors are specifically trained to teach English to non-native speakers.
Why should I enroll in EAP courses?

- **Increased comfort level**
  - Non-native speakers are among non-native-speaking peers who are also learning English in an academic setting.
  - These courses are taught in English and appear as English courses on your transcript. Nowhere on your transcript will it indicate that you are a non-native speaker.
Can I use Financial Aid to pay for EAP courses?

* Yes.
  * If you are eligible for financial aid, you can apply it toward these college courses.
If I take the EAP COMPASS test, is it still possible for me to score into college-level courses?

* Yes.

* Students who complete EAP COMPASS testing have the same chance of scoring into college-level as those students who take the non-EAP COMPASS test.

* In fact, the math and reading tests are exactly the same for EAP and non-EAP COMPASS testing.
No.

* Students take one pathway or the other if they score below college-level English.
  * Native speakers must complete developmental English courses.
  * Non-native speakers of English are highly encouraged to choose EAP courses.
How is the EAP Program different from Developmental English for native speakers?

EAP Program for non-native speakers

- ENG 101: Rhetoric or ENG 130: Technical Writing and Communication
- ENG 089: Writing IV
- ENG 088: Writing III
- ENG 087: Writing II
- ENG 086: Writing I
- ENG 079: Reading IV
- ENG 078: Reading III
- ENG 077: Reading II
- ENG 076: Reading I

Developmental English for native speakers

- ENG 101: Rhetoric or ENG 130: Technical Writing and Communication
- ENG 099: Fundamentals of Writing
- ENG 098: Fundamentals of English
- ENG 021: College Reading II
- ENG 020: College Reading I
How is the EAP Program different from Developmental English for native speakers?

- The EAP program also includes optional courses on listening, speaking, and grammar to assist non-native speakers.
Do I have to take all of the EAP courses?

* No.
  * Writing and Reading are mandatory depending on placement.
  * Listening, Speaking, and Grammar courses are optional.
  * It is also possible to skip an EAP class if you have the permission of your instructor and you retest at a higher level.
Could I speak to someone before making this decision?

* Yes.
  * If you have more questions about EAP classes, stop testing and speak with someone from the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) on the Main Campus.
  * If you would like to speak with someone before testing or you would like to take some time to prepare for this exam, please ask your COMPASS Proctor to stop your testing.
What other services does JJC offer to non-native speakers?

* OMSA – Office of Multicultural Student Affairs
  * This department helps students understand JJC resources and offers advising to help choose classes.

* TLC – Tutoring and Learning Center
  * This center offers free tutoring in reading, writing, grammar, and listening.
Is there anything else I should know about EAP COMPASS testing?

* **Take your time.**
  * While the writing portion of this test, or e-Write, is timed, the other parts including math, reading, grammar, and listening are untimed.

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- **Take your time.**
  - Read the directions carefully so you earn your best possible score.
  - Take a break if you need one.
Is there anything else I should know about EAP COMPASS testing?

* **Know what is available to you.**
  * You are allowed to use a calculator for the math portion of the test.
  * You are allowed to use scratch paper and a pencil.
  * Earplugs are available if you need them.
  * If you feel you need additional accommodations, see your COMPASS Proctor.
After the testing is complete...

- Your scores will be explained to you.
- You can retest on another day if you are eligible.
- Don’t forget your belongings.
Thank you for your attention!

We hope that this information will help you achieve your best possible EAP COMPASS test scores.
Good luck with your EAP COMPASS testing!

* At the end of this presentation you will be automatically redirected to a confirmation page.

* Read this confirmation page carefully.

* Next, you will be asked if you want to continue with EAP testing.