



*This document provides updated information about the revised policies for **Placement, Test-Out, and Credit-by-Exam** for students entering UW-Stevens Point in Fall 2013. With the implementation of our new [General Education Program \(GEP\)](#), some of our policies have been revised. Please see below for additional information.*

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Placement, Test-Out, and Credit-by-Exam Policies

Application of UW System Placement Tests at UW-Stevens Point

The University of Wisconsin System (UWS) Placement Tests are intended as part of the information to be used by students and advisors for placement into the most appropriate college-level courses.

English:

In addition to the UWS English Placement Test, all entering freshmen take the freshman English entrance assessment to measure writing competence based on an essay composed at the university during orientation. If your performance on the writing assessment indicates superior writing ability, you may be placed in English 150 rather than in English 101/202. Successful completion of English 150 then satisfies your Written Communication requirement.

Foreign Language:

The UWS Foreign Language Placement Test places you into courses in French, German, or Spanish numbered: 101, 102, 211, 212, or 313. Placement into 211 or higher satisfies the Foreign Language requirement for majors offering the Bachelor of Arts degree. In addition, you may also receive up to 16 retroactive credits for prerequisite language courses by passing the course into which you placed with a grade of B- or better. If you wish to take a placement test for languages other than those offered by the UWS placement process, contact the Department of Foreign Languages. Students whose native language is not English and who can document formal high school or university study of their native language may use English 101 and 202, or English 150 as a means of fulfilling the Foreign Language requirement. For more information, contact the Department of Foreign Languages, Room 490, Collins Classroom Center, (715) 346-3036.

Quantitative Literacy:

The UWSP Mathematics Placement Code you receive from the UWS Mathematics Placement Exam determines which Mathematics and/or Quantitative Literacy course(s) you are eligible to take.

- If you earn a placement code of 1, then you are placed into Math 90 and must complete the course before you earn 30 credits. If you do not, you will be restricted to enrolling in a maximum of 12 credits a semester until you complete Math 90. All Quantitative Literacy courses have a prerequisite of Math 90 or higher.
- If you earn a placement code of 3 or 4, then you must select an appropriate Quantitative Literacy course.
- If you earn a placement code of 7, 8, or 9, then you have satisfied the Quantitative Literacy requirement.
- If you receive a placement code of 99, your placement has not been determined. Do not register for any Mathematics or Quantitative Literacy course until you have completed a placement exam.
- If you do not believe that your placement is accurate, then you may retake the test once, or you may petition once to participate in an alternate placement process. Contact the Department of Mathematical Sciences, Room B246, Science Building, (715) 346-2120.

For placement into Mathematics courses, refer to the placement table in the Department of Mathematical Sciences section of the *UWSP Catalog* or contact the Department of Mathematical Sciences, Room B246, Science Building, (715) 346-2120.

Test-Out and Credit-by-Exam Policies

You may test-out and/or receive credit-by-exam for any General Education Program (GEP) course at UWSP, except for Communication in the Major and Capstone Experience in the Major.

When you pass an approved test in a GEP course, the requirement to enroll in the course is waived. You don't earn credit when you test out, but the course applies toward fulfillment of that GEP requirement without enrolling in the course. Each department that offers courses for GEP credit has its own policy for test-out and/or credit-by-exam. Each policy will include:

1. Whether you will be testing out of the requirement and/or receiving credit.
2. The process for making exam arrangements.
3. The type of exam, passing grade, any additional requirements, and whether you can take the exam more than once.
4. Applicable fees. Academic departments may charge a fee per request to test-out or receive credit-by-exam for GEP courses. Departments will devise their own exams.

You must check with each department and follow its specific requirements for testing out and/or receiving credit-by-exam for GEP requirement courses. If you receive test-out or credit-by-exam approval for a course that meets multiple GEP requirements, passing the test will satisfy all GEP requirements that are designated for that course, excluding Communication in the Major and Capstone Experience in the Major.