

# ACCUPLACER PLACEMENT TESTING

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

**Q-1:** Who is required to complete the ACCUPLACER Placement Test?

**A:** All (**no exceptions**) Bloomsburg University freshmen (summer, fall, spring, including international students) who have paid BU's required \$200 initial deposit, and have been contacted by the Office of Planning & Assessment.

**\*ACT 101/EOP students** will be notified by the **ACT 101/EOP Office** (570) 389-4492 to complete the ACCUPLACER Placement Test, not the Office of Planning and Assessment

**(DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE)**

**\*Transfer students, if required** by their major (i.e. Mathematics, Nursing, Physics & Engineering Technology, etc.), must contact the ACCUPLACER Coordinator to schedule a date and time to complete the Math section(s) and/or other sections (*if needed*) of the ACCUPLACER Placement Test **(DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE)**.

**Q-2:** What do I need to do if I require testing accommodations?

**A:** Students who require testing accommodations (i.e. readers, scribes, use of a calculator, extended time [**more than three hours**], and have documentation, must contact the **Students with Disabilities Center**, Denise Recla, [drecla@bloomu.edu](mailto:drecla@bloomu.edu) or Linda Tomaszefski, [ltomash2@bloomu.edu](mailto:ltomash2@bloomu.edu) to schedule a test date and time to complete the ACCUPLACER Placement Test in their office **(DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE)**.

**Q-3:** What is the purpose of ACCUPLACER?

**A:** The reading, writing and math results of the ACCUPLACER Placement Test will determine a student's readiness for college level work. The results also assist BU in determining a student's strengths, and if there are any weak areas that they need to develop. These strengthening courses are developmental in nature and earn students the quality points for their cumulative grade point average, but do not carry college credit towards graduation.

**\*ACCUPLACER math results determine enrollment in the appropriate courses for math and science majors.**

**Q-4:** What is the testing period of Summer and Fall freshmen?

**A:** Early March to End of June.

**Recommended:** Summer Sessions 1 & 2 freshmen test before May, and Summer Session 3 freshmen before June, for scheduling purposes.

\*However, **ALL** students are encouraged to test **sooner, rather than later**, in order for the appropriate courses to be added to their course schedule.

**Q-5:** What is the testing period of Spring freshmen?

**A:** Early November to End of January.

**Q-6:** If I already completed the ACCUPLACER Placement Test at another college/university, am I still required to take it at BU, or can I forward my test results to the Office of Planning & Assessment?

**A:** Yes. The cut scores that BU has set to help determine the appropriate courses students are placed in may differ from the ones at other colleges/universities.

**Q-7:** Is there a cost to take the test?

**A:** No.

**Q-8:** What does the test consist of, and how many questions are in each section of the test?

**A:** Reading Comprehension (**20**); Sentence Skills (**20**); WritePlacer (Essay); Elementary Algebra (**12**); and College Level Math (**20**).

\* Not every student will complete all sections of the test (i.e. WritePlacer (Essay) and College Level Math) as it is dependent on a student's performance on previous sections of the test.

**Q-9:** Are study aids (i.e. sample questions, essays, study apps, etc.) available?

**A:** Yes. Please visit: <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>

**Q-10:** Where is the test administered?

**A:** Only **on campus** at **Bloomsburg University**.

**Q-11:** Is there a testing site in Philadelphia?

**A:** Yes. However, the testing site in Philadelphia is for **ACT 101 students only**.

**Q-12:** What do I need to bring when I come to test?

**A:** One form of **current** (*unexpired*) **photo ID**.

**Acceptable forms of photo ID:** *College ID, Driver's License, High School ID, State or Federal ID, Tribal ID, Naturalization Card or Certification of Citizenship.*

**Please note:** Students will need to know their **six-digit BU ID #** (*i.e. 123456*) for testing purposes.

\*The ACCUPLACER Placement Test is a computer-based test; however, for convenience, ***scratch paper and pencils will be provided.***

**Q-13:** Do I need to obtain a visitor's parking permit?

**A:** Students that arrive ***after 5:00 PM Monday-Friday*** or ***anytime on the weekend*** (*i.e. Saturday/Sunday*) are ***not required*** to obtain a visitor's parking permit.

**Please note:** Only students that arrive on campus, ***before 5:00 PM Monday-Friday*** are required to obtain a visitor's parking permit from one of the following locations: **Buckingham Maintenance Center, Carver Hall, or the University Police Department**, and display it in their vehicle. Please see: <http://www.bloomu.edu/documents/testing/MapDirections.pdf> for a campus map.

**Q-14:** Are calculators permitted during testing?

**A:** No.

**\*Exception:** *Required documentation is provided to/approved by the **Students with Disabilities Center**, and **notification** is sent to the **Office of Planning & Assessment**, prior to a student's scheduled test date/time.*

**Q-15:** How long does the test take to complete?

**A:** It depends on each student. Most students take about 1.5 to 2 hours to complete the test, although each student is allotted up to 3 hours.

**Q-16:** When will I find out my test results?

**A:** Students will receive a copy of their individual score report ("*test results*") for their records, immediately after completing the test.

**Q-17:** Is it possible to obtain a copy of my individual score report ("*test results*") and/or have them e-mailed, mailed, or faxed to another college/university, agency, organization, or person?

**A:** Yes. However, a **“BU Test Score Release Form,”** located on the **BU Test Center** website: [www.bloomu.edu/testing](http://www.bloomu.edu/testing), must be filled out **completely** (i.e. including any requested documents) and returned (*see form*) to the Office of Planning & Assessment, in order for it to be processed.

**Q-18:** Are the course placements listed on the individual score report (*“test results”*) definite course placements?

**A:** No. There are several factors that are used to help determine a student’s course schedule (i.e. ACT and/or SAT scores, high school GPA, department course requirements, etc.).

**Q-19:** When will these courses show up on my schedule?

**A:** Please contact the Office of the Registrar (570) 389-4263 for assistance and information, regarding course scheduling.

**Q-20:** What do I do with my individual score report (*“test results”*)?

**A:** Students should keep their test results for their records.

**Q-21:** What do the individual test scores mean?

**A:** Students should contact Dr. Jennifer Oast, Interim Chair, Academic Enrichment (570) 389-4987 or [joast@bloomu.edu](mailto:joast@bloomu.edu) for assistance in interpreting their individual score report (*“test results”*).

**Q-22:** What will happen if I do not complete the test?

**A:** Students who do not complete the placement test will *automatically* be placed in the appropriate *enrichment courses(s)*, and may not be able to enroll in particular courses.

**Q-23:** Can I retake the test if I am not satisfied with my placement test results?

**A:** Yes. Students are permitted to retake the test once. However, students must wait at least two weeks after their initial test completion date. Please contact the ACCUPLACER Coordinator (570) 389-2998 or [accuplacer@bloomu.edu](mailto:accuplacer@bloomu.edu) to schedule a date and time to retest.

**\*DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE**

**Q-24:** I have yet to receive any information regarding ACCUPLACER, when should I expect to?

**A:** The ACCUPLACER Coordinator runs a report, *approximately every 2-4 weeks* of all freshmen who have **paid BU’s required \$200 initial deposit**. Shortly after, a letter is mailed and/or e-

mailed to all students on the list, regarding ACCUPLACER and how to register for a test date and time.

**Q-25:** When can I register for a test date and time to test?

**A:** Students are permitted to register online: [www.bloomu.edu/testing-placement](http://www.bloomu.edu/testing-placement) when they have received a letter by mail and/or e-mail, regarding ACCUPLACER from the Office of Planning & Assessment.

\*Available testing dates and times are identified on the online registration form

**Q-26:** I registered online, but did not receive a confirmation e-mail, when should I expect to?

**A:** An official confirmation e-mail of a student's scheduled test date/time/Bloomsburg University testing location will *automatically* be sent to the e-mail address in which he/she enters on the online registration form.

**\*Please check your Junk/Spam/Trash folder if it doesn't appear in your inbox.**

**Q-27:** Can I cancel the test date and time that I registered for?

**A:** Yes.

1. Go to: [www.bloomu.edu/testing-placement](http://www.bloomu.edu/testing-placement)
2. Click on the red "Register Online" button.
3. Click on "My Registrations."
4. Enter your e-mail address into the required field.
5. Receive e-mail from RegisterBlast.
6. Click on the link provided in the RegisterBlast e-mail.
7. Click "**Cancel**" next to the test date and time that you would like to cancel.
8. Click "Yes, cancel my registration."
9. There should be 0 registrations listed in "**Your History,**" if your test date and time has been successfully canceled.

**Please note:** For cancelations (**within 3 days of your scheduled test date/time**), please e-mail: [accuplacer@bloomu.edu](mailto:accuplacer@bloomu.edu), as there is a *3-day ahead cancelation window*, and **you will not be able to cancel your test date/time online.**

**Q-28:** Can I reschedule the test date and time that I registered for?

**A:** Yes.

1. First, cancel the test date and time that you initially registered for.
2. Then, go to: [www.bloomu.edu/testing-placement](http://www.bloomu.edu/testing-placement)
3. Select a new test date and time. You will then receive a new e-mail confirmation (which will be sent to the e-mail address in which you enter on the form) for the new test date and time.

**Q-29:** Currently, there are no test dates and times listed on the online registration website, when will additional ones be added?

**A:** New test dates and times are added periodically. Please continue to monitor the website and/or contact the ACCUPLACER Coordinator, [accuplacer@bloomu.edu](mailto:accuplacer@bloomu.edu) for assistance.

**Q-30:** What should I do if I forgot my photo ID on the day of my scheduled test date and time?

**A:** Students should report to their scheduled test location, and complete the ACCUPLACER Placement Test.

## ACCUPLACER TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Students that are scheduled to test in any of the following testing labs: **McCormick 3234/35, McCormick 3225, McCormick 2229, McCormick 2204 (“Suite 2203”), Sutliff 105 or Sutliff 106,** agree to abide by the following rules below:

- a. Only examinees are allowed in the testing lab.
- b. To bring or wear layered clothing to adapt to a cooler or warmer climate in the testing lab, as the testing lab temperature can be unpredictable.
- c. **All** personal belongings (purses, wallets, backpacks, food, beverages, hats, etc.) must be stored under the testing station/in a locker (if applicable), during testing.
- d. **All** electronic devices (cell phones, mp3 players, cameras, etc.) must be turned off.
- e. Once a test is administered, it must be completed in one sitting. You may not leave the testing lab for any reason (*emergencies only*).
- f. Talking is prohibited during testing.
- g. Acts of dishonesty are subject to disciplinary action and will be reported.
- h. Assistance from the proctor in answering test questions is prohibited. However, the proctor may be notified for general inquiries.
- i. Students must raise their hand once they finish testing, in order to obtain a print copy of their individual score report (*“test results”*) for their records.
- j. Scratch paper and pencils are to be left at the testing station.**
- k. Students are to contact Dr. Jennifer Oast, Interim Chair, Academic Enrichment (570) 389-4987 or [joast@bloomu.edu](mailto:joast@bloomu.edu), regarding questions with their individual score report.