# CHOOSING THE APPROPRIATE ESOL/ENGLISH ASSESSMENT

Before you choose an English class, you should know what your English skill level is because Reg-e will not enroll you in a class if your skill level is lower than the skill level stated as the requirement (prerequisite) for that class. To find out what your skill level is, you can take an English placement test or submit a transcript from another college if you've taken English classes elsewhere.



#### **Placement Tests**

The placement tests are given by the Testing and Assessment Office at each college.

#### There are two tests:

- **1. ESOL test** (for students primarily educated outside of the U.S. in a language other than English)
- **2. English test** (for native speakers of English and those who have completed advanced ESOL or the equivalent).

Please take the proper test to avoid misplacement, delay, and confusion.



#### **Test Result Card**

Upon completion of the English/ESOL assessment you will be given a test result card. Your test result card will show your:

- **1. ESOL level** (**L** followed by **19**, **20**, **30** or **40**).
- 2. Reading level (R followed by 30, 40, or 50); and
- 3. Writing level (W followed by 30, 40, or 50); or

Your test result card will also indicate what course(s) you should take first. When you have passed a course with a grade of "C" or higher, your skill level will be raised automatically.

#### The tables below show the sequence of ESOL and English courses:

ESOL (L)			
ESOL Skill Level	Eligible Courses		
L19	ESOL 19		
L20	ESOL 20, 21, 22		
L30	ESOL 30, 31, 32		
L40	ESOL 40 or 45		

Reading (R)		Writing (W)	
Reading Skill Level	Eligible Courses	Writing Skill Level	Eligible Courses
R30	LCOM 101, English 47A or 42	W30	LCOM 101, English 47A or 43
R40	English 47A or 48	W40	English 47A or 49
R50 (and W50)	English 101	W50 (and R50)	English 101

**Note:** Placement test results are available on Student Web Services at <a href="http://studentweb.sdccd.edu">http://studentweb.sdccd.edu</a>. Click on the Registration link and select "View Your Placement Level."

### **ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) COURSE SEQUENCE**

#### **ENGL 101^/105**

Prerequsities: ENGL 47A; OR ENGL 48 and 49; OR ESOL 45 with Assessment L40; OR ESOL 45 and ESOL 32; or Assessment R5/W5

#### ESOL 45 (9 units) accelerated reading/writing/grammar

Prerequsities: ESOL 30 and ESOL 31 with ESOL 32 corequisite; **OR Assessment L40** 

Limitation: ENGL 47A, ENGL 48, ENGL 49

#### **Assessment L40**

ESOL 40 OR ESOL 45 (6 or 9 units)

### **Accelerated Path**

1 semester, 9 units

#### ENGL 48 (3 units) reading and study skills

Prerequsities: ESOL 40 and Assessment L40; OR ESOL 40 and ESOL 32: OR ENGL 42; **OR Assessment R4** 

Limitation: ESOL 45, ENGL 47A

#### **Traditional Path** 2 semesters, 12 units

#### ENGL 49 (3 units) basic composition

Prerequsities: ESOL 40 and Assessment L40; OR ESOL 40 and ESOL 32: OR ENGL 43; **OR Assessment W4** 

Limitation: ESOL 45, ENGL 47A

#### **ESOL 40#** (6 units) reading/writing/grammar

Prerequsities: ESOL 30 and ESOL 31 with ESOL 32 corequisite; OR Assessment L40

#### Assessment L30

ESOL 30, 31, 32 (12 units)

#### **Assessment L20**

ESOL 20, 21, 22 (12 units)

#### ESOL 20 (6 units) writing/grammar

Prerequsities: ESOL 19; **OR Assessment L20** 

ESOL 30 (6 units)

writing/grammar

Prerequsities: ESOL 20 and ESOL 21;

**OR Assessment L30** 

#### **ESOL 31** (3 units) reading

Prerequsities: ESOL 21; **OR Assessment L30** 

#### **ESOL 21** (3 units) reading

Prerequsities: ESOL 19; **OR Assessment L20** 

#### **ESOL 32\*** (3 units) listening/speaking

Prerequsities: ESOL 22; **OR Assessment L30** 

### listening/speaking

*Prerequsities:* ESOL 19; **OR Assessment L20** 

## **ESOL 22** (3 units)

Levels 20 and 30 Courses within Levels 20 and 30 may be taken in any order. If you do not take them at the same time, the ESOL Department recommends taking reading and listening/speaking courses before writing/grammar courses.

#### **Assessment L19**

ESOL 19 (5 units) **ESOL 19** (5 units) all skills

#### ^ OR Corequisite: ENGL 31 (LCOM 101)

- \* ESOL 40 requires a prerequisite of ESOL 30 and 31 and concurrent enrollment or completion of ESOL 32 (with a 'C' or better) OR Assessment Skills Level I 40.
- # After successfully completing ESOL 40, students have the option to take both ENGL 48 and 49 or ENGL 47A (accelerated English). Please see next page.

### **ENGLISH (ENGL) COURSE SEQUENCE**

#### **ENGL 205** (3 units) critical thinking and composition

Prerequsities: ENGL 101; OR ENGL 105

#### **Assessment** R50/W50

**ENGL 101 AND/OR 105** (3 or 6 units)

#### ENGL 101^/105\*\*\* (3 units)

reading and composition/composition and literature

Prerequsities: ENGL 47A; OR ENGL 48 and 49; OR ESOL 45 with Assessment L40; OR ESOL 45 and ESOL 32; or Assessment R50/W50

#### **Assessment** R40/W40

**ENGL 47A OR** ENGL 48/49 (4 or 6 units)

# Limitation: ENGL 42, ENGL 43,

#### Assessment R30/W30

**ENGL 47A OR** ENGL 42/43 (4 or 6 units)

#### ENGL 47A (4 units) reading/writing/reasoning

ENGL 48, ENGL 49, ESOL 45

#### **LCOM 101** (5 units) academic literacy

Prerequisite: Assessment R30/W30 Corequisite: ENGL 31, ENGL 101 (3 units)

#### **Accelerated Path**

1 semester, 4–5 units

#### **ENGL 48\*\*** (3 units) reading and study skills

Prerequisite: ENGL 42; OR

Assessment R40 Limitation: ENGL 47A, ESOL 45

#### **ENGL 42\*** (3 units) reading and study skills

Limitation: ENGL 47A, ESOL 45

#### **Traditional Path** 2 semesters, 12 units

#### **ENGL 49\*\*** (3 units) basic composition

Prerequisite: ENGL 43; OR Assessment W40 Limitation: ENGL 47A, ESOL

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#### **ENGL 43\*** (3 units) **English review**

Limitation: ENGL 47A, ESOL 45

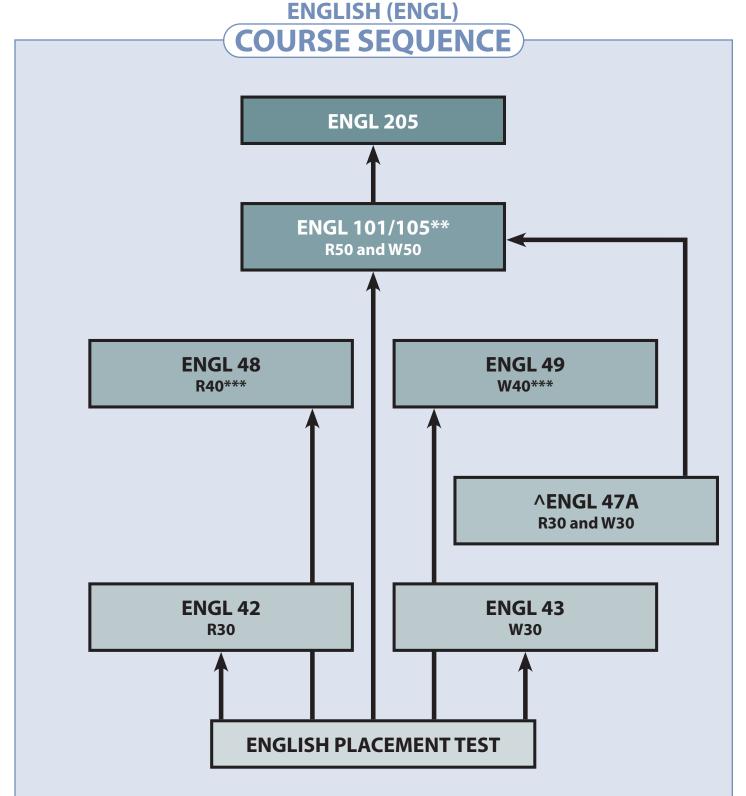
#### **ESOL 40#** (6 units) reading/writing/grammar

Prerequsities: ESOL 30 and ESOL 31 with ESOL 32 corequisite; OR Assessment L40

Students must choose either the **Accelerated Path** or the **Traditional Path**. Once a student successfully completes a course (with a 'C' or better), the alternative path may not be taken.

#### **ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST**

- \*ENGL 42 and 43 may be taken at the same time. If you do not take them at the same time, the English Department recommends taking ENGL 42 first.
- \*\*ENGL 48 and 49 may be taken at the same time if you have Assessment Level R40/ W40. If you do not take them at the same time, the English Department recommends taking ENGL 48 first.
- \*\*\*SDSU accepts either ENGL 101 or 105; UCSD and most other UC colleges accept ENGL 101 and either ENGL 105 or 205: USD requires ENGL 105.
- ^ OR Corequisite: ENGL 31 (LCOM 101)
- # After successfully completing ESOL 40, students have the option to take both ENGL 48 and 49 or ENGL 47A (accelerated English).



- \*\* SDSU accepts either 101 or 105; most UC colleges accept 101 and either 105 or 205; USD requires 105.
- \*\*\* English 48 and 49 may be taken at the same time. If you do not take them at the same time, the English Department recommends taking English 48 first.
- ^ This course is not open to students with previous credit for ENGL 42, ENGL 43, ENGL 48, ENGL 49, ENGL 265B.