

## **Illinois Valley Community College Course Placement Guide**

### **IVCC Options for placement in Reading, English, and Math (see placement grid for minimum requirements):**

- **Reading** placement may be determined by:
  - ACT/SAT scores; Official PSAT (10 or NMSQT) scores
  - Placement testing
  - High-school equivalency testing (GED or HiSET)
  - The following waves all Reading requirements:
    - Successful completion of an IVCC developmental Reading course
    - High school graduation GPA of 3.0 or higher on an unweighted 4.0 scale
    - ACT Reading score of 21 or higher
    - ACT English score of 19 or higher
    - SAT score of 480 or higher on the Evidence Based Reading/Writing (EBRW) test; PSAT (10 or NMSQT) EBRW score of 460
- **English** Placement may be determined by
  - ACT/SAT scores; PSAT (10 or NMSQT) scores
  - High school transcript:
    - After graduation: GPA of 3.0 or higher on an unweighted 4.0 scale
    - 7<sup>th</sup> semester in HS: GPA of 3.5 or higher on an unweighted 4.0 scale
  - Placement testing
  - Successful completion of required IVCC developmental English and Reading courses
  - High school equivalency testing (GED or HiSET)
- **Math: IVCC RECOMMENDS ALL STUDENTS TAKE MATH PLACEMENT TESTS.**
  - Math placement may be determined by:
    - ACT/SAT scores; PSAT (10 or NMSQT) scores
    - High school transcript:
      - Successful completion of 8 semesters of HS math AND GPA of 3.0 or higher on an unweighted 4.0 scale
    - Successful completion of a HS transitional math class (TM001, TM002, TM003)
    - Successful completion of a HS dual credit math class
    - Placement testing
    - High school equivalency testing (GED or HiSET)
  - The Math placement testing start point is determined by completion of Algebra in high school.
    - Students who have taken Algebra in high school will be tested on Algebra and will be eligible for developmental, technical, or college-level math.
    - Students who have not taken Algebra in high school will be tested on arithmetic and will be eligible for developmental math, technical math, or transferrable math with a corequisite course.
  - **Early High School Graduates:** Students who graduate early must use PSAT/ACT/SAT or the math placement test for math course placement. Early high school graduates may not use high school graduation GPA and 8 semesters of coursework for math placement.

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- Students wishing to enroll in Calculus (MTH2001) must take the math placement test and meet the score requirements to enroll.

**Unweighted GPA:** When IVCC determines placement based on high school Grade Point Average (GPA), it must be determined on an *unweighted* GPA. If an unweighted GPA cannot be determined by the high school, placement testing will be required.

**Transcripts:** Placement based on unofficial transcripts must be confirmed by IVCC receiving official transcripts. Students must request official transcripts to be sent to IVCC, Admissions and Records; 815 Orlando Smith Road; Oglesby, IL 61348. If official transcripts are not received prior to the start of the semester, courses will be dropped from a student's schedule.

**Placement Testing:** IVCC requires appointments for placement testing at least 24 hours in advance.

- A completed IVCC application, IVCC K-Number, student ID number, and photo ID are required for testing.
- Initial placement testing is free. Tests can be retaken twice in a 12-month timeframe for a fee.
- To apply to IVCC, visit [www.ivcc.edu/apply](http://www.ivcc.edu/apply).
- To schedule an appointment, visit <http://www.registerblast.com/ivcc>
  - For more information, call the Assessment Center staff at 815-224-0542.

**Individualized Education Plans:** Students who had Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) or 504 Plans in high school should contact the Center for Accessibility and Neurodiversity coordinator for assistance with going through the placement process. Call 815-224-0284.

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**IVCC READING PLACEMENT:** Scores represent a range or minimum requirements.

<i>Score Lifetime</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>3 years</i>
READING COURSE PLACEMENT/METHOD	ACCUPLACER	ACT	SAT Evidence Based Reading/Writing SAT/PSAT (10 or NMSQT)
<b>COLLEGE LEVEL PLACEMENT</b>			
No Reading Course Requirement	250-300	19 English OR 21 Reading	SAT: 480 PSAT: 460
<b>DEVELOPMENTAL PLACEMENT</b>			
RED0900 Basic Reading II	237-249		
RED0800 Basic Reading I	211-236		
Learning Resources Skills Development	200-210		

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**IVCC ENGLISH PLACEMENT:** Scores represent a range or minimum requirements.

<i>Score Lifetime</i>		<i>3 years</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>3 years</i>
<b>ENGLISH COURSE PLACEMENT/METHOD</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL COURSES, GPA</b>	<b>WRITE PLACER ESSAY AND ACCUPLACER</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>SAT Evidence Based Reading/Writing SAT/PSAT (10 or NMSQT)</b>
<b>COLLEGE LEVEL PLACEMENT</b>				
ENG1001 English Comp or ENG1205 Written Com for Bus & Industry	High school graduation GPA of 3.0 or higher on an unweighted 4.0 scale	6-8	C or better in TE001 OR Successful completion of ENG0900 OR 263, Write Placer Essay (WPE) not required AND Reading 250 or ACT Reading 21 OR Successful completion of RED0900	19 English, OR 21 Reading AND Accuplacer  SAT: 480 PSAT: 460
<b>CO-REQUISITE PLACEMENT</b>				
ENG1001 English Comp or ENG1205 Written Com for Bus & Industry with required ENG0920 lab		4-5	200-262, WPE required AND Reading 250 or ACT Reading 21 or Successful completion of RED0900	21 Reading AND Accuplacer
<b>DEVELOPMENTAL PLACEMENT</b>				
ENG0900 Basic English II		2-3	200-262, WPE required	
Learning Resources Skills Development		0-1	200-262, WPE required	

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**IVCC MATH PLACEMENT:** Scores represent a range or minimum requirements.

<i>Score Lifetime</i>	<i>Transitional Math (Technical, STEM, QLS) must enroll within 18 months of course completion</i>	<i>2 years</i>	<i>2 years</i>	<i>2 years</i>
<b>MATH COURSE PLACEMENT/METHOD</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL COURSES, GPA</b>	<b>ACCUPLACER</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>SAT (2 yr)/PSAT (3yr) (10 or NMSQT)</b>
<b>COLLEGE LEVEL PLACEMENT (*Geometry pre-requisite)</b>				
MTH1000 Math for Liberal Arts MTH1008 General Elementary Statistics ECN2004 Business Statistics	8 semesters of math + 3.0 HS graduation <u>unweighted</u> GPA OR C or better in portability course TM001, TM002	237 Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, Statistics (QRS)	22	SAT: 530 PSAT: 500
MTH1003 College Algebra* MTH1004 Trigonometry*	8 semesters of math +3.25 HS graduation <u>unweighted</u> GPA (must include a C or better in Algebra2) OR C or better in portability TM001	263 QRS	24	SAT: 580 PSAT: 590
MTH1005 Precalculus*	8 semesters of math +3.50 HS graduation <u>unweighted</u> GPA (must include a C or better in Algebra2) OR C or better in TM001	210 Advanced Algebraic Functions (AAF)	26	SAT: 620 PSAT: 620
MTH1006 Finite Mathematics MTH1007 Calculus for Bus. & Soc. Sciences		263 AAF		SAT: 620 PSAT: 610
MTH1009 Structure of Number Systems I* MTH1010 Structure of Number Systems II*	8 semesters of math + 3.0 HS graduation <u>unweighted</u> GPA OR C or better in portability course TM001, TM002	263 QRS	22	SAT: 530 PSAT: 500
MTH2001 Calculus & Analytic Geometry		276 AAF		

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<b>TECHNICAL PLACEMENT</b>				
MTH1206 Technical Mathematics	8 semesters of math + 3.0+/4.0 unweighted HS graduation GPA OR C or better in portability course TM001, TM002, TM003	271 Arithmetic (A) 216 QRS		
<b>CO-REQUISITE AND DEVELOPMENTAL PLACEMENT</b>				
MTH0910 Foundations of Algebra (scores represent the widest range of placement; seek advisement for placement if scores within these ranges)		237 A 208 QRS		
MTH1008 General Elementary Statistics & MTH0108 Statistics Supplement		271 A 216 QRS		
MTH0908 Basic Geometry (pre-requisite if geometry not satisfied in high school with C or better)*		250 QRS	22	SAT: 530
MTH0920 Intermediate Algebra		237 QRS		
MTH1003 College Algebra & MTH0103 College Algebra Supplement		245 QRS		
<b>SKILL DEVELOPMENT/ADULT EDUCATION PLACEMENT</b>				
Learning Resources Skills & Development		200A 200 QRS		

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**IVCC High School Equivalency (GED and HiSET) Placement and Course Credit**

<i>Score Lifetime – 2 years</i>	Test	GED	HiSET
<b>COLLEGE LEVEL PLACEMENT</b>			
<b>English</b>			
ENG1001 English Composition, ENG1205 Written Com for Bus and Industry	LANGUAGE ARTS	165-174	
<b>Reading</b>			
No reading requirement	READING	165-174	15
<b>Math</b>			
MTH0910, MTH0920, MTH1000, MTH1008, MTH1206, ECN2004	MATH	165-174	15
<b>COURSE CREDIT</b>			
	Test	GED	HiSET
ENG1001 English Composition or 1205 Written Com for Bus and Industry	LANGUAGE ARTS	175-200	15, 4+ on the essay
MTH1003 College Algebra (IVCC math placement test recommended)	MATH	175-200	
SOC1000 Intro to Sociology, PSY1000 Intro to Psychology	SOCIAL SCIENCE	175-200	15
PSC1000 Intro to Physical Science	SCIENCE	175-200	15