COURSE PLACEMENTS

During New Student Orientation (NSO), academic advisers assist new students in evaluating their educational plans by providing them, prior to initial registration, with a review of placement test results along with individualized educational planning and academic advising. The testing component of NSO is used for educational planning and academic advising purposes, to determine a student’s appropriate starting levels in mathematics and chemistry course sequences. English composition course placement is determined by the SAT-W score. Course selections are guided by a student’s academic goals, their prior academic experiences, highest SAT-Evidence-Based Reading score, and highest ALEKS Math Assessment score.

In addition, World Language course placement is determined by the level of previous study and/or time that has elapsed between a student’s previous world language study and admission to Penn State. Placement also may be determined by non-course work knowledge of world languages.

Select the appropriate placement policy below or the menu to the right to explore different information areas.

**Chemistry Placement** (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/chemistry-placement)

**English Placement** (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/english-placement)

**Mathematics Placement** (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/mathematics-placement)

**Placement Policy for World Language Courses** (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses)