This information is for Rutgers-New Brunswick students. RU-Newark students: click here. RU-Camden students: click here.

PURPOSE OF THE TESTS
Now that you have been admitted to Rutgers University-New Brunswick, you will need to take placement tests. These tests are designed to provide information about your incoming knowledge; placement tests are not pass/fail. Results will be used to help place you in the courses appropriate for your level. These tests are important to your success at Rutgers, so please take them seriously and do your best independent work. This will ensure that you begin studying at the right level to succeed in your classes.

TEST DESCRIPTIONS
Note: Test questions vary with each test. Once you begin a test, you must complete it in one sitting; you cannot stop time on a test.

Math: The Math test is online and is allotted 3 hours. Most students take 60-90 minutes. It’s an adaptive test and consists of up to 30 open-ended questions. It can be taken twice if you’re unsatisfied with the first score. Click here for details.

English: The English test is online and is allotted 90 minutes. It consists of four sections: a short language questionnaire (5 minutes), an essay (20 minutes), reading comprehension (35 minutes), and sentence sense (30 minutes). Click here for details.

World Language: Tests are online. Testing time varies per language. Incoming first-year students enrolled in the following programs are required to complete language testing: A) SAS, B) the Honors Program (through SAS or RBS), or C) Honors College – New Brunswick through SAS or RBS. Click here for details.

EXEMPTIONS:
Math and English testing are required unless you qualify for an exemption. Refer here for more information on placement test exemptions.

NOTE FOR TRANSFER/CONTINUING STUDENTS:
Transfer/continuing students only need to test if advised to do so by a Rutgers advisor or if indicated on their transfer summary/credit evaluation.

ACCOMMODATIONS (SECTION 504)
If you need testing accommodations (e.g. extra time, reader, scribe), please register with the Office of Disability Services and receive approval for accommodations before testing. Tests can only be taken once, except for the math placement test, which can be taken twice. Please visit this link for more information.

WHEN AND WHERE TO TEST
Placement tests are administered online and should be completed in a quiet environment with a strong internet connection. Please use laptops or desktops – do not use cell phones or tablet devices. Please complete your placement tests within 30 days* of accepting the Rutgers offer of admission so that your results are available before you meet with an advisor.

*Students who accepted their offer of admission while the testing cycle is closed have 30 days to complete testing once it reopens.

Individual placement tests (Math, English, and, if required, World Language) must each be completed in one sitting. You may do all required tests consecutively, or you may decide to take a break for one evening. Once you begin testing, you must complete all required assessments within 72 hours of submitting the first test. The math retest does not fall under the 72-hour timeframe, however, it should be completed within one year (365 days) of the first attempt, or sooner. See the “Math Retesting” section for more information, or refer to this link for complete details. If you are currently enrolled in a Rutgers math class or completed a Rutgers math class, you should not retest.

ACCESSING THE PLACEMENT TESTS
Follow these steps in order:
1) Confirm your Rutgers status and pay your $150 enrollment deposit if you have not done so already. You should then be able to proceed to the placement testing links 2 business days after paying the deposit.
2) Read through our webpage to access the tests using your NetID.

TESTING REGULATIONS
These tests are designed to assess your incoming knowledge in these subjects. We need a true assessment of your abilities to enroll you into appropriate classes in which you can succeed. Therefore, reference materials cannot be used. No books, cell phones, or assistance of any kind is permitted. Do not use your own calculator – one will be provided on-screen if required. Test materials may not be copied or shared, as they are the copyright of Rutgers University or McGrawHill. Scratch paper is permitted and should be discarded after testing. It cannot be submitted for credit. Please make sure you are feeling well when you test. The University will invalidate any test score if there is any reason to question its integrity. Rutgers University’s academic integrity policy can be found here. An incorrect placement due to purposeful misrepresentation of your score will result in a lower GPA or a delay in your graduation. We want you to succeed and encourage you to simply do your best work; placement tests are not pass/fail.
The English Test
Note: You can only take this test once in your Rutgers career – please take it seriously.

Link to test: https://placement.elearning.rutgers.edu

Survey. 5 minutes, 5 questions. This section is a questionnaire that asks about your language experience.

The Essay. 20 minutes, 1 essay. You will be given 20 minutes to write an essay on an assigned topic. In general, your essay will be scored on how well you phrase your ideas and organize them and whether you use specific examples to support your ideas.

Reading Comprehension. 35 minutes, 36 questions. This section of the test measures how well you understand what you read. The questions will be based on information contained in the passages.

Sentence Sense. 30 minutes, 46 questions. This section of the test measures how much you know about the way parts of a sentence fit together and about the ways to make the meaning of a sentence clear.

Click here to see sample questions for the English test

The Math Test (ALEKS PPL)
Rutgers (NB) utilizes the ALEKS PPL (McGraw-Hill) placement test which can be taken twice if you’re unsatisfied with your first score. Each take of the test allows you up to 3 hours to submit up to 30 open-ended (not multiple choice) questions. Students typically spend 60-90 minutes on the assessment. This test is adaptive, meaning your answers determine subsequent questions. Click here for a brief overview video. Before you start the test, a tools tutorial will show you how to enter the answers.

During the test, do not use your own calculator. An on-screen calculator will be provided when required. Scrap paper is permitted – dispose after testing.

MATH RETESTING: If you are currently enrolled in a Rutgers math class or completed a Rutgers math class, you should not retest. The math retest does not fall under the 72-hour timeframe, however, it should be completed within one year (365 days) of the first attempt, or sooner. Click here to see math retesting information. Students unsatisfied with their initial math placement score are strongly encouraged to retest; students typically improve on their 2nd attempt. To unlock the 2nd attempt, which can be completed after a 48-hour cool-off period, you must complete 8 hours of individually customized prep and learning modules.

Ideally, you should retest soon after completing the learning modules, but no later than one year (365 days) from your first attempt. We will use the higher of the two test scores for your placement. Beyond these two opportunities to take the test, there are no additional options for retesting.

Rutgers Business School and STEM-major students are strongly encouraged to retest if they do not place into Calculus I on the first attempt.

Respondus Lockdown Browser™ is required for this test: Click here to download the required version prior to testing. A functioning webcam is required for Respondus Monitor to operate. Click here to check system requirements at the bottom of the page. If you do not have access to the necessary technology, please email otp@irap.rutgers.edu. A photo ID is required (high school, license, etc.). If you are under 18, you’ll need to obtain parental consent.

If you require accommodations, DO NOT use the math link below – contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) and otp@irap.rutgers.edu for your unique link.

Link to MATH test: CLICK HERE
Log in with your NetID (ie. abc123), not your nine-digit RUID number.

PLACEMENT RESULTS
Your placements will be given to your advisors at RU. You can view them on the myRutgers dashboard (under “Required for Enrollment”) or Degree Navigator within two weeks.
Topics on the Math Placement Test may include:

- Real numbers (fractions, integers, and percentages)
- Equations and inequalities (linear equations, linear inequalities, systems of linear equations, and quadratic equations),
- Linear and quadratic functions (graphs and functions, linear functions, and parabolas), exponents and polynomials (including integer exponents, polynomial arithmetic, factoring, and polynomial equations), rational expressions (including rational equations and rational functions)
- Radical expressions (higher roots and rational exponents)
- Exponentials and logarithms (function compositions and inverse functions, properties of logarithms, and logarithmic equations)
- Geometry and trigonometry (perimeter, area, and volume, coordinate geometry, trigonometric functions, and identities and equations).

On the test, you will see some, but not all, of the math you have learned in high school. It is a placement test, not a preview of math courses at Rutgers (NB). Results will be used to help place you in the courses appropriate for your level.

Click here to see sample questions for the math test
For additional practice, see final exam review exercises:

- Elementary Algebra
- Intermediate Algebra
- Precalculus