Guidelines for First-Year Writing Placement at UA

Advanced Placement (AP) scores

- 3 on either AP English test (Language or Literature) = EN 101 credit and places student into EN 102.
- 3 on both AP English tests (Language and Literature) = EN 101 and EN 102 credit and places student into 200-level literature courses. (Note: Students who earn a 3 on one exam and a 4 on the other exam will not earn credit beyond EN 101 and 102).
- 4 or 5 on either AP English test (Language or Literature) = EN 101 and EN 102 credit and qualifies student for optional placement into Honors sections of 200-level literature surveys (EN 215, 216, 219, or 220).
- 4 or 5 on both AP English tests (Language and Literature) = EN 101 and EN 102 credit and 3 additional hours of elective humanities credit (TRGS HU 197). Students with these scores also qualify for optional placement into Honors sections of 200-level literature surveys (EN 215, 216, 219, or 220).

International Baccalaureate (IB) scores

- 5 on IB English (HL) substitutes for EN 101 and EN 102 credit and places students into 200-level literature courses. The Department of English does not use SL scores.

ACT and SAT scores

Qualified non-University Honors students will need a “Student Attribute” override to register for EN 103. You may authorize this for them during BamaBound. However, if you think a student needs a “Prerequisite” override, please check with the Office of First-Year Writing first (348-6488 or 348-8503).

- ACT composite 28 or ACT English 30 OR SAT composite 1350 or SAT verbal 730

These scores qualify a student for optional placement into EN 103 (Honors Composition). Successful completion of EN 103 (C- or higher) with correct qualifying scores gives student 3 hours of credit for EN 103 and 3 additional hours of composition credit, thereby satisfying the 6-hour core comp requirement.

CLEP scores (see pages 14-15 of the undergraduate catalog)

- The English Department does not accept CLEP test scores for placement credit.

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EN 101: Most (non-international) students place into EN 101.

EN 102: Some place into or out of EN 102 (AP scores).

EN 103: Some place into EN 103 (ACT/SAT scores). We offer EN 103 in Fall and Spring semesters. Students who don’t get a seat in Fall EN 103 classes should plan to take it in the Spring.

EN 104: For students in Blount Undergraduate Initiative only.