

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR IEP ADMIT

English language proficiency is a critical factor in your success here at UWest. When you arrive on campus you will take UWest's English Placement Test (EPT). We use the EPT results to put you into the proper version of our English as a Second Language Program

The EPT is offered free of charge during UDays Orientation and on regularly scheduled testing days prior to UDays. There is a \$50 EPT fee charged for testing at any other time.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE EPT

The English Placement Test (EPT) is a comprehensive test that allows UWest to determine the overall English language proficiency of our non-native English speaking students.

EPT TEST SECTIONS

Section	Time	Description
1 Writing (100 points)	30 minutes	You write a short essay answering a question or prompt. A typical short essay will include an introduction, thesis statement, body that supports the thesis, and a conclusion.
2 Paper Test (100 points)	45 minutes	100 multiple choice questions
A) Listening Comprehension	20 questions	Assesses understanding of spoken English. You listen to and answer 20 multiple choice questions.
B) Grammar	30 questions	Assesses grammar knowledge. You read short conversations and answer 30 multiple choice questions
C) Vocabulary	30 questions	Assesses vocabulary knowledge. You read sentences and answer 30 multiple choice questions.
D) Reading Comprehension	20 questions	Assesses reading skills. You read short passages and answer 20 multiple choice questions.
3 Oral Interview (100 points)	5-10 minutes	You are asked three questions about a specific topic and have one minute to answer each question.

Each EPT section is scored separately, and these scores are averaged to determine your total score on a scale of 1 to 100. Based on your total EPT score, your enrollment will be updated as follows.

ESL Level Score	Beginning 1-20	Intermediate 21-40	High Intermediate 41-50	Advanced 51-68
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PREPARING FOR THE EPT

Start practicing now so you are ready to take the EPT when you arrive at UWest. The more you prepare, the better your score will be. You should bring pencils, erasers, and notepaper to the test. No electronic devices are allowed.

1 Writing Test

Practice writing 300-word essays.

Each essay should include these three parts:

1. Introduction, including a thesis statement
2. Body
3. Conclusion

2 Paper Test

A] Practice your listening skills by listening to English-language radio, television, or discussions.

B] Review grammar rules to remember details.

C] Review academic vocabulary to understand word meaning and use.

D] Read a variety of texts, like newspapers or academic books, to improve your reading comprehension.

3 Oral Interview

Practice speaking for at least one minute about a personal topic.

A typical question would be "Describe where you are from."

Tip: When practicing each skill, time yourself so that you have an accurate measure of how long each part will take in the real EPT.

