
1990 Revision of the 1984 Academic Skills Assessment Plan (ASAP)

The Academic Skills Assessment Plan of 1984 has been revised to facilitate its implementation while preserving its original intent and spirit. This revision was made in consultation with the Council of Instructional Deans and approved by resolution of the Academic Senate.

The California State University system and CSU Dominguez Hills recognize each student's need for adequate preparation in mathematics, English, reading and critical thinking for successful continuation of his or her college education.

The CSU system requires all freshmen and those transfer students who have not completed appropriate college courses to demonstrate entry-level skills in two areas: English composition and mathematics. To ensure that students who need additional work in one or more of the basic skills receive this preparation early in their college careers, CSU Dominguez Hills implemented the Academic Skills Assessment Plan (ASAP) in fall, 1984, for newly admitted freshmen and transfer students. All new and readmitted undergraduate students, admitted fall 1986 or later, must meet these requirements.

The Academic Skills Assessment Plan has three skill levels:

1. Entry Level Skills
2. Basic Skills
3. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement

1. Entry Level Skills

The CSU requires new non-exempt students to be tested in English and mathematics after they are admitted. These are not admission tests, but provide a way to determine if students are prepared for college work. A student might be exempted from one or both of the tests if he/she has scored well on other specified tests or completed appropriate courses. For a list of exemptions see the section of the English Placement Test and/or the Entry Level Math test in the catalog.

ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST (EPT)

Non-exempt students who score below T151 on the EPT must enroll in ENG 099, Basic Writing Workshop, or in IDS 006, Intensive Writing Skills Workshop. Non-exempt students who score T141 or lower on the EPT must enroll in ENG 088, Developmental Reading, prior to or concurrently with enrollment in ENG 009 or IDS 006. Both ENG 088 AND 099 or IDS 006 are prerequisites to ENG 110.
ENTRY LEVEL MATHEMATICS (ELM) TEST

All new and returning non-exempt undergraduate students must take the ELM test and pass it (score – T480 or above) before enrolling in a course that satisfies the quantitative reasoning requirement of the general education program. Non-exempt students who score below T480 on the ELM must enroll in MAT 003 or MAT 005 (course selected upon advisement). No course(s) satisfies passage of the ELM test.

ATTEMPTING THE ENTRY LEVEL SKILLS TESTS

Unless exempt, students must take the EPT and ELM no later than their first semester of attendance at CSU Dominguez Hills. (See entry describing the EPT and ELM in the Admissions section of the Catalog.) Students who are exempt will be notified when admitted.

Non-exempt students who do not ATTEMPT these tests by the end of their first semester of enrollment will receive special advisement and will be required to enroll in the appropriate college preparatory English and/or mathematics courses until they have fulfilled the EPT and/or ELM requirements.

Non-exempt students who have not taken the EPT by the end of two semesters will be academically disqualified and may not enroll in subsequent terms. Similarly, non-exempt students who have not taken the ELM by the end of two semesters will be academically disqualified and may not enroll in subsequent terms.

COMPLETING THE ENTRY LEVEL SKILLS

Students who have not completed their Entry Level requirements (ELM and college preparatory math and English courses) by the end of their second semester of enrollment at CSU Dominguez Hills will be placed on academic probation and receive special advisement. In addition, they will be required to take the appropriate college preparatory courses and may not take more than 12 units including the college preparatory courses.

Within 4 semesters (total) of enrollment all students must complete their Entry Level requirements in English

composition and mathematics. Students who have not completed the Entry Level requirements will be academically disqualified and will not be readmitted to CSU Dominguez Hills until they have fulfilled the requirements.

2. Basic Skills

The ASAP Basic Skills are those skills that are obtained through coursework in English composition and quantitative reasoning. Coursework must be passed with grade of "C" or better.

English Composition:

- Successful completion of ENG 110 and ENG 111 or six units of IDS107 or any combination of ENG 110, ENG 111 and IDS 107 totaling six units or more.

Or

- Equivalent transfer course(s) with a grade of "C" or better.

Or

- Approved English examinations with appropriate scores (see the English department chair for information on these examinations).

Quantitative Reasoning:

- MAT 105 or any higher-level course offered in mathematics other than MAT 107, MAT 131, and MAT 207.

Or

- Mathematics courses approved for transfer credit with a grade of "C" or better (these are mathematics courses above the level of intermediate algebra) taken before the student last enrolled at Dominguez Hills as a continuing student.

COMPLETION OF THE ASAP BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:

Students who have not completed their Basic Skills requirements in English composition and mathematics by the end of the fourth semester (total) of enrollment at CSU

Dominguez Hills will be placed on academic probation and receive special advisement.

Students who have not completed the Basic Skills requirements in English composition and mathematics within six semesters (total) of enrollment at CSU Dominguez Hills will be academically disqualified and will not be readmitted to CSU Dominguez Hills until those requirements have been completed.

3. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)

All students subject to degree requirements in the 1979-1980 and subsequent general catalogs must demonstrate competency in writing skills as a requirement for graduation through one of the options listed under the entry for the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement in the catalog.

COMPLETION OF THE GRADUATION WRITING ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT:

Students who do not meet this requirement within 2 semesters after completing the English Composition section of the Basic Skills requirements (or 90 semester units total, whichever comes last) will receive special advisement. In addition, they will be required to enroll in ENG 350 or another approved upper division course until they successfully complete the requirement.