

ENGLISH COMPOSITION PLACEMENT INFORMATION, 2025-2026

Visit our Composition Program website (<https://mucompositionprogram.wordpress.com>) to learn more about our courses.

Due to a change in university policy, students with **no test scores** will follow the placement procedure detailed below. Also, students with questions about 201H should contact Dr. Megan Marshall (marshallme@marshall.edu).

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| No Test Scores | Students without ACT or SAT scores will be placed according to their overall high school GPA ¹ unless they have qualifying AP Exam credit. |
| ACT Verbal Scores¹ | |
| 17-below | ENG 101-P ² —See note below about high school GPA. ³ |
| 18-27 | ENG 101 |
| 28-33 | ENG 201H (not restricted to Honors students)—Students who pass ENG 201H with a C or better receive credit for both ENG 101 and 201. |
| 34-36 | Students receive credit for ENG 101 and 201 |
| SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing | |
| <470 | ENG 101P—See note below about high school GPA. ⁴ |
| 480-630 | ENG 101 |
| 640-760 | ENG 201H (not restricted to Honors students)—Students who pass ENG 201H with a C or better receive credit for both ENG 101 and 201. |
| 770-800 | Students receive credit for ENG 101 and 201 |
| Honors College Students | |
| | Honors College students should be placed in ENG 200H. If they pass ENG 200H with a C or higher, they receive credit for ENG 101 and 201 (though many will have scores that already take care of the composition requirement or AP or dual-enrollment credit for one or both classes). |
| Advanced Placement | |
| Score of 3 on English Language & Composition | Credit granted for ENG 101 (place in ENG 201) |
| Score of 4 on English Language & Composition | Credit granted for ENG 101 and 201 |

¹ Students with a 3.0 or higher will be placed in ENG 101. Students with GPAs below 3.0 will be placed in ENG 101P. Anyone who does not have access to high school transcripts should contact Dr. Megan Marshall, Coordinator of Composition, about placement options.

² ENG 101P and ENG 101 count as the same general education composition requirement. Students who pass ENG 101P or ENG 101 with a C or better move on to ENG 201.

³ A student with a 17 ACT Verbal and an overall high school GPA of 3.3 may self-select to take ENG 101 instead of ENG 101P. Please review high school GPAs in these instances and consult with the student about this option.

⁴ A student with a 470 SAT ERW and an overall high school GPA of 3.3 may self-select to take ENG 101 instead of ENG 101P. Please review high school GPAs in these instances and consult with the student about this option.