



College English Placement Options

Traditionally, students entering Everett Community College have taken the English COMPASS exam to determine whether they will be placed into college-level English Composition 101 or a Developmental course, such as ENGL 097 or ENGL 098, which helps the student prepare for college-level courses.

Beginning with the high school class of 2015, automatic placement into college-level English Composition 101 can be achieved in several ways. The methods are listed below in order of preference.

1. Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 as a graduating senior

This applies to the class of 2015 only; the GPA will be re-evaluated for the high school classes of 2016 and after.

2. Smarter Balanced Assessment Score

A score of 3 or 4 will automatically place a student into English Composition 101. This option begins with the high school class of 2016.

3. Bridge to College English Language Arts (ELA) Transitions Course

A student who does not meet standard by receiving a score of 3 or 4 on the Smarter Balanced Assessment in grade 11, but who receives a 2 on that assessment, may opt to take the ELA Bridge to College Transitions course as a high school senior. If the student receives a grade of "B" in the course, the student will automatically be admitted to college-level English. This option will begin when the course implementation date has been determined.

4. High School Teacher Recommendation

Students who do not meet the above criteria may ask one of their high school English teachers to complete a confidential, electronic recommendation form. This option is student initiated. Students should see their high school guidance counselor or contact the EvCC English Department for details. The form will be available to EPS staff through DocuShare. A student or teacher may also request the form from the EvCC English Department at english@everettcc.edu. Everett Community College English Department staff will assess the completed recommendation and inform the student of the result.

At all times, of course, a student with questions should contact his or her college advisor, the College English Department or high school guidance counselor.