

ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

students should contact the Global Engagement Center at (714) 432-5940 or occinternational@cccd.edu for testing requirements.

Assessment is a process through which the College collects information about students to facilitate their success by ensuring their appropriate placement into English, ESL, and/or mathematics courses.

With the passing of Assembly Bill 705, which requires that community colleges maximize the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and mathematics within a one-year timeframe, the assessment process at OCC is changed to follow that guideline. Students (both new and continuing) will have access to enroll in first-level transfer English and mathematics courses regardless of prior placement or enrollment in below transfer-level courses or ESL. In addition to a transfer-level placement, students will receive a recommendation on the level of support needed to succeed in the course. Support recommendations are based on high school English and mathematics courses completed, the grades in those courses, and the cumulative, unweighted high school GPA. Students will not need to take an English and/or math placement test.

OCC will continue to offer ESL courses to allow students to practice and improve speaking, listening, reading, writing, and grammar skills. If you are an ESL student, you may benefit from additional training prior to enrolling in transfer-level English courses. ESL students who seek to enroll in ESL instruction will still receive access to first-level transfer courses.

In case the students do not have high school transcripts, they may self report their GPA and or receive placement via a Guided Self-Placement tool.

Students may also receive placement above first-level English and mathematics transfer courses via the following alternative methods:

- Successful completion of courses – students who have successfully completed an English or mathematics course from an accredited college or university that is considered equivalent at OCC.
- AP scores – students who received a score of “3” or above on AP Calculus and/or AP English Literature or AP English Language and Composition.

Students who possess an associate degree may be exempt from the assessment process. Students must provide official transcripts in order to verify the satisfactory completion of college-level English and mathematics coursework in order to be exempt. Students who possess a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree can be exempt from the assessment process. Students must provide official transcripts verifying the degree earned.

Students may challenge their placement results if they believe their placement is inaccurate. Challenge forms must be submitted prior to enrolling in the course. Forms are located in the division offices of Mathematics and Sciences and Literature and Languages, respectively.

Students are encouraged to visit the Assessment Center’s website at <http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/assessmentcenter> (<http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/assessmentcenter/>), call (714) 432-5789 or stop by the Assessment Center, located on the first floor of Watson Hall, for more information about the assessment process. International