

First-Year Writing Placement Scenarios

Read through the common scenarios for incoming students to determine which course to complete to fulfill NC State's GEP in Writing and Speaking.

Students with a AA / AS degree from a NC community college or a BS / BA degree from an accredited US institution can be exempt from the first-year writing requirement. Please contact Ashely Daughtride, andaught@ncsu.edu, to verify and process the exemption.

Students can receive credit for ENG 101 if one of the standardized tests listed below meets the approved required score. Scores must be submitted to Undergraduate Admissions.

TEST	Required Score for ENG 101 Credit <i>Effective for students entering Fall 2020 thru 2023</i>
SAT - Reading <i>Learn how to find your Reading Score here.</i>	39-40
ACT - English	33 or above
AP - English Language & Composition	5
International Baccalaureate - English A2 (Higher Level): Language & Literature	4-7
Note: Only one score is needed from the tests listed to be exempt from the first-year writing requirement.	

Scenario 1: Received Credit for ENG 101

If you receive credit for ENG 101 because you met the required score for one of the standardized tests, then you have fulfilled the first-year writing requirement and do not need to enroll in the course. Credit for ENG 101 is automatically awarded to your degree audit when scores are submitted to Undergraduate Admissions. You should consult your academic advisor and check your degree audit before the semester starts to verify if credit is awarded.

Scenario 2: No Credit for ENG 101, but Received Credit for ENG 100

If you do not receive credit for ENG 101, but receive credit for ENG 100, then you should plan to enroll in ENG 101 during your first year at NC State in order to fulfill the first-year writing requirement. We encourage you to review the different [learning environments for first-year writing courses](#) and enroll in a course section that best supports their learning needs.

If you receive credit for ENG 100, then your standardized test scores did not meet the requirements to receive credit for ENG 101, but met the required scores to receive 4-credit of elective or additional credit. More information about elective or additional credit can be found on our website.

Scenario 3: Did NOT Receive Credit for either ENG 101 or ENG 100

If you did not receive credit for ENG 101 or ENG 100, then you should plan to enroll in ENG 101 during your first year at NC State in order to fulfill the first-year writing requirement. We encourage you to review the different [learning environments for first-year writing courses](#) and enroll in a course section that best supports their learning needs.

If you would like additional assistance assessing your preparation for ENG 101 and selecting an appropriate learning environment, please contact us at firstyearwriting@ncsu.edu.

Transferring Credits from Another Institution or Early College Program

If you're transferring English composition course credit from another institution, those credits may partially or fully satisfy the 4-credit hour first-year writing requirement. Carefully review the [First-Year Writing Program's transfer credit guidelines](#).

Students who transfer at least 3-credit hours of a composition course from another institution may be eligible to enroll in ENG 202 instead of ENG 101 or receive a waiver. For more information, please review the [Transfer Credit Guidelines](#) on our website.

Please note that the First-Year Writing Program is **unable to answer questions about transfer credits until those credits are processed by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and appear on your degree audit**. You should always consult your assigned academic advisors about placement before contacting the First-Year Writing Program.