

The Write Class at Columbia College Chicago

<https://www.thewriteclassccc.com>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What is The Write Class (TWC)?

TWC is an online, multiple-measures placement process that helps determine which first-year writing class is the most appropriate for students to take. TWC takes into account the following information to determine placement: student's self-report of standardized test scores and high school GPA; student's self-assessment of his or her previous experiences and level of confidence with reading and writing; and student's own thoughts about which course is appropriate, based on descriptions of each course, as well as sample assignments, instructor assumptions, and typical workload in each course.

Can students still place into writing courses using ACT, SAT, or Compass scores?

No. All new students should be advised to complete TWC.

When and where can students take TWC?

Starting the day after submitting their confirmation deposits, students can take TWC any time, from anywhere with an internet connection. TWC is available 24/7 at <https://www.thewriteclassccc.com>. Students will log in using their first and last names, their loop email address, birth date, and Oasis number.

How long does TWC take to complete?

The process takes approximately 20-25 minutes. Please encourage students to take their time and consider their responses to the questions carefully.

When do students get results?

The last page of TWC will indicate their placement results. They can print this page for their records. Within 24 hours, these results will be available on the exams page in Oasis, and they can register for the appropriate course.

After students get the results, can they register right away?

Within 24 hours, their placement results will be available on the exams page in Oasis, and they can register for the appropriate course. If they have the print-out or screen shot of their results,

anyone with authority to do so can manually authorize them to register for the appropriate course.

Can students leave and go back in or retake TWC?

If a student does not complete TWC, they can log back in and begin where they left off. Once a student completes TWC, they will automatically be taken to the results page and are not allowed to retake it. However, someone with admin access can delete a student's record and the student can retake it if necessary (currently Pegeen Reichert Powell, Jennie Fauls, Andrew Whatley, and Jessica Martinez have admin access).

Do students need an ACT or SAT score to take TWC?

No. When they are asked to enter standardized test scores, there is an option to indicate that the student does not have scores.

Should students with transfer, AP, or CLEP credit take TWC?

Yes. Students who believe they have completed part or all of the English requirement can still take TWC. Early in the process, they will be asked if they have transfer credit from another college or via CLEP or AP. If they answer yes, their placement results will indicate that they may have completed some or all of the English requirement and will direct them to make sure that Columbia has received the scores or the transfer credit and then register accordingly. If students have questions about whether their credits have transferred, they should contact the Registrar's Office at 312-369-7769. If they have transferred credits for WRI, they should register for WRII. If they have transferred credits for both WRI and WRII, they have satisfied the English requirements.

Should international students take TWC?

Yes. International students should be directed to take TWC. Early in the process, students will answer questions about their background with English. If these answers indicate that they would benefit from the EAL courses, their placement results will indicate this. If a student has questions about the EAL courses, they can contact eyeh@colum.edu.

Should honors students take TWC?

Yes. Early in the process, students will be asked if they've been admitted to the honors program at Columbia. If they answer yes, their placement results will advise them that they are eligible to register for an honors section of the appropriate course. If a student has questions about the honors program, they can contact honors@colum.edu.

Can students place out of Writing and Rhetoric I based on TWC (and place directly into WRII)?

Students cannot automatically place out of Writing and Rhetoric I. Instead, their placement results will indicate that they have the option to apply to take Writing and Rhetoric II. The application is available in TWC—it is an online process—and consists of answers to questions about their readiness and motivation for taking Writing and Rhetoric II and two writing samples. These materials will be reviewed by the Program in Writing and Rhetoric. If, based on this review,

they are authorized to register for Writing and Rhetoric II, they will still need to take an upper level writing class to complete their English requirement.

What do the results mean?

When students complete TWC, the final screen will consist of a paragraph that explains their placement. These paragraphs correspond to numbers recorded in Oasis in the exams table. The table below explains what the numbers mean.

Required Course	TWC Score
You indicated that you have completed transfer or Advanced Placement credit that will satisfy Writing and Rhetoric I and/or Writing and Rhetoric II. Please check your Academic Record and Advising Guide to verify this credit has been received, and register accordingly.	1
52-1121 Writing and Rhetoric I International	2*
52-1101 Writing and Rhetoric I Stretch A	3**
52-1151 Writing and Rhetoric I. You may also consider registering for Writing and Rhetoric I Stretch (52-1101), if you think you would benefit from extra support and an additional semester of writing instruction.	4
52-1151 Writing and Rhetoric I	5
52-1151 Writing and Rhetoric I You may also apply to place directly into Writing and Rhetoric II (52-1152). For details on the application process, contact Pegeen Reichert Powell at preichertpowell@colum.edu or 312.369.8231.	6
52-1152 Writing and Rhetoric II	7***

Students admitted into the Honors Program are eligible to register for the Honors section of their required first-semester writing class. Email honors@colum.edu for more information about Honors courses and eligibility.

* Please contact Ellen Yeh at eyeh@colum.edu or 312.369.8116 for advice on additional required courses for EAL students.

**52-1101A is a pre-requisite for 52-1151S (Writing and Rhetoric I Stretch B), which students must take in their second semester. Only 52-1151S satisfies three of the required six English credits in the LAS Core. 52-1101S will fulfill three elective credits.

***Six credits of English are still required for the LAS Core. Students waived out of Writing and Rhetoric I based on The Write Class and subsequent portfolio review should take Writing and Rhetoric II and one other 2000 or 3000 level writing course designated with an EN.