



Directed Self Placement for English

New for the Spring 2021 semester, STCC is piloting a new process where students can consult a course grid to enroll in the English class most-appropriate to their needs. Students will no longer be required to take the standardized Accuplacer test for placement.

Step 1

Take English placement & review grid

The English Placement Grid is an overview of STCC's entry-level courses in English. Reading and writing are interconnected skills, but STCC understands that some students are more comfortable in one of the two skills. Placements are now determined independently to allow students to find the most appropriate courses to meet their educational needs.



Step 2

Prepare for your advising appointment

Begin by locating the course identified by your initial placement results from the Testing & Assessment Center. Think about your experiences with writing as you read over the information grid. The information below will help you identify the courses that best fit your skills and comfort level.



Step 3

Things to consider

While reviewing course information, consider these questions:

- How well do you understand the "Necessary Skills" listed?
- Do you struggle with any of the "Skills Developed" in the course?
- How easily do you think you could complete the "Typical Course Activities" listed?



Step 4

Deciding what course is best for you

If you are confident that you already possess most of the "Skills Developed" in the course, look one column to the right and repeat step 3.

If you are concerned that you do not have the "Necessary Skills" listed, look one column to the left and repeat step 3.

When you are confident you have found a course that would offer a reasonable challenge and cover skills you have not yet mastered, make note of the course in preparation for your appointment with an academic advisor.



Step 5

Schedule advising appointment, select classes and get registered

To make an appointment to meet with an advisor, please contact the Academic Advising and Transfer Center at advisor@stcc.edu or 413-755-4857.

