Assessment Overview for International Student Program (ISP) New Students

Assessment Center

DeAnza College
During the week of your Orientation, you will take your English or ESL and math assessments.

You’ll soon receive an email with information about how to sign up!

Questions?

- Contact ISP Program Coordinator Stephanie Serna directly at sernastephanie@deanza.edu.
Purpose of this webinar

- Learn about the assessment process
- Understand which courses you are eligible to register for
- Get you ready to attend a Counseling Workshop at Orientation

ASK QUESTIONS!
Vocabulary

- **Courses** = Classes
- **Major** = Your primary field study
  - Examples: Business Major, Graphic Design Major, etc.
- **Educational Goal** or “Ed Goal” = What you want to accomplish at De Anza
  - Examples: Earn a certificate or a degree from De Anza; graduate from De Anza; transfer to another college, etc.
- **Faculty** = Your Professors or Teachers
Important! New Assessment Policies
What is Assessment?

- Each student has different English and math knowledge.
- **Assessment** is the process that the college uses to determine which Language Arts (English or English as a Second Language (ESL)) and math courses levels are best for you.
- **There is no “passing” or “failing”** assessments—they are designed to measure your current knowledge and understanding of the academic subject.
What is a course placement?

- After completing your Language Arts (English or ESL) and Math assessments, you will be given course placements.
- You can then attend a Counseling Workshop during Orientation Week to select your English or ESL and Math courses.
The following tests are accepted for ISP admissions purposes only:
- Duolingo
- TOEFL
- IELTS
- iTEP
- Cambridge English Test
- PTE
- GTEC
- Step EIKEN

These tests are not accepted for class registration.

Test results earned from these tests will not be used for assessment purposes.

De Anza does not accept SATs, ACTs, O-Level Exams for assessment purposes.
Who needs to be assessed?

- In general, new students with no college course credit will need to be assessed for English or ESL and Math course placement.
Who doesn’t need to be assessed?

- Students who have already earned English and/or Math college course credit via
  - Score of 3 or higher on an English or Math subject AP exam
  - Earning a grade of ‘C’ or better in a transfer-level English or Math course at another U.S. college
Evaluations

If you have taken college classes previously
You can earn credit at De Anza for classes taken at different regionally-accredited colleges in the U.S.!

1. Contact your previous institution to send official transcripts to the De Anza Admissions and Records Office (official transcripts are sent directly by the college electronically or by mail, or can be brought in-person in the original sealed envelope)
   - Electronically through your previous college’s ordering system
   - Via mail to the following address:
     De Anza Admissions and Records
     21250 Stevens Creek Blvd.
     Cupertino, CA 95014

2. After the Evaluations Office receives your transcript and evaluates it, you will be contacted via email

3. Even if you’ve submitted transcripts to ISP for admission, you need to be sure to send an official copy to De Anza Admissions and Records for evaluation if you want your college credit
Should I submit my foreign transcript?

YES

- I have general education classes that I would like to transfer towards my De Anza AA

NO

- I’m trying to earn a transfer degree
- I want to use classes towards my major
- I need a prerequisite clearance to take a higher-level class
- I want placement for Math or English
- My coursework is graduate level (masters or doctorate)
Steps to Get Foreign Transcripts Evaluated

- De Anza does not have the ability to evaluate foreign coursework in-house, so you would need to go through naces.org/members to find a third-party evaluation service.
- We accept any NACES-approved course-to-course evaluation (we prefer WES or ECE, but will accept evaluations from any NACES member).
- You will receive an email as soon as your evaluation is complete.
- https://www.deanza.edu/admissions/documents/DA%20Foreign%20Transfer%20Credit%20Information.pdf
We can accept foreign coursework for certain things, but not all. It’s really important to speak to a counselor or advisor before paying to have your foreign transcript evaluated.
Questions?

You should plan to complete assessments if...

- You're unsure if your college course work will transfer.
- There is a delay in processing your college course work.
Online Study Guides & Prep Information

deanza.edu/assessment/study.html

Study Guides

Are you ready?

Before arriving to your appointment be sure to review sample questions, become familiar with your assessment/exam format and rules, and utilize on-campus resources!

- Math Guided Self-Placement (GSP) Assessment
- English Guided Self-Placement (GSP) Assessment
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Assessment
1. The **English as a Second Language (ESL)** assessment places students into ESL courses.

2. The **English** assessment places student into English courses.
Students must **demonstrate** English proficiency adequate for transfer-level, or university-level, English.

Students for whom English is not their first language can demonstrate English proficiency by:

- Providing their U.S. high school transcript information for assessment
  - Students must have completed **at least** 9 – 11th grade in a U.S. high school
- Completing the ESL assessment
What are the differences between ESL and English classes?
ESL classes are for student who feel that...

- They are not ready for college, or university level, English classes
- They need to prepare for college, or university level, English classes
- They need to practice listening and speaking in English
- They need to practice presenting to a group in English
- They need to develop a larger English vocabulary
- They need to develop stronger social skills for cultural and professional purposes
How will ESL classes help me?

**ESL courses** will…

- Include grammar, writing, and reading instruction
- Include listening, speaking, and pronunciation instruction
- Prepare you for university-level English courses
What is an English course like?

**English courses** will...

- Focus on university-level reading and writing with an emphasis on the study of English literature.
- Students are expected to read and write in English and give presentations at a university level.
- English courses do not include grammar, writing, reading or listening and speaking instruction.
Remember!

- The ESL assessment places you in ESL courses.
- The English assessment places you in English courses.
ESL Assessment Details

- The ESL assessment process includes:
  - The computerized ESL assessment (75 questions, multiple choice); and
  - An ESL writing sample (hand written, 30-minutes timed).
- ESL course placements can take up to 3 weeks to process.
  - We will email you when your results on posted on your MyPortal account.
- After you have completed the ESL assessment once, you may repeat it one additional time, but only if:
  - You complete the second assessment within six months of your first assessment; and
  - You have not earned a non-passing grade (D, F, NP) in an ESL class.
ESL to English Pathway

- After completing *Advanced ESL Level courses*, students can choose to take the English assessment for placement into the [English course sequence](#) or continue with the [ESL course sequence](#).

- Attend your Orientation's Counseling workshop for more information.

Talk with your Counselor!
The English was created by De Anza's English professors.

This assessment is for students who speak English as their primary language or are ready for university-level English courses.

Immediately after you complete the assessment, you will receive a placement for a course in the English (EWRT) course sequence.

- If you take the English GSP and are identified as an English Learner, you will be asked to complete the ESL assessment.

At Orientation’s Counseling Workshop your counselors will talk with you more about the English course you should register for.
The English GSP is a computerized assessment.

You will be asked to answer questions which will help the college to:

- Determine your confidence level when asked to review course activities
- Think about your comfort level when asked to review sample homework assignments
- Reflect on your understanding of academic English knowledge

Plan for the assessment to take 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

You can only take it one time.
Any questions about ESL vs. English?
Math Assessment
The Math assessment was created by De Anza's Math professors.

The results will help you get the correct level of instruction to succeed in the classes you need for your major and academic goals.

- MATH 1A: Calculus is the highest you can place with the Math assessment.

Immediately after you complete your assessment, you will be told which math course you’re able to register for.

At Orientation's Counseling Workshop your counselors will suggest which math course you should register for.
The Math GSP is a computerized assessment.

You will be asked to answer questions which will help the college to:

- Determine your confidence level when asked to review course activities
- Think about your comfort level when asked to review sample homework assignments
- Reflect on your understanding of math knowledge

Plan for the assessment to take 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

After you have completed the math assessment once, you may repeat it one additional time, only if:

- You complete the second assessment within six months of your first assessment; and
- You have not earned a non-passing grade (D, F, NP) in a math class.
YOU’RE AUTOMATICALLY ACCEPTED INTO THESE MATH COURSES:

- MATH 11: Finite Math
- MATH 44: Math for Liberal Arts
- MATH 46: Math for Elementary Education

Attend the Orientation’s Counseling Workshop so you can ask a counselor about the math course you need to take for your major.
Any questions about Math?
Succeed in Math with MPS!

If math is **difficult** for you, MPS can help!

- With the **Math Performance Success** (MPS) program, there will be a team of professors, support staff and tutors who work closely with students to provide a **supportive environment** and help them **succeed in** Math.

- Visit the [MPS webpage](#) for more information.
- Review the online study guide & preparation info before attending your appointment.

- Set up your MyPortal account and remember your password.
  - MyPortal access is required for accessing the Guided Self-Placement assessments.

- On the day of your appointment:
  - Bring a valid photo ID, such as a passport or school ID card, to show when you arrive.
  - Bring a few pencils.
  - We’ll provide scratch paper and earplugs.
  - No calculators, notes, dictionaries, or any other aids are allowed in the Assessment Center’s Computer Lab.
How to set up or change your MyPortal Password

Enter in your Campuswide ID (this is your De Anza Student ID number)

Enter in your password.

If you don’t know your password, click on “I don’t know my password.” Follow the instructions to set up your password or to change your password.

Visit myportal.fhda.edu
Academic Integrity

- The college expects students to be **honest** when taking assessments.
- The submission of an assessment that is **not** completed by your personal effort will not be tolerated.
- We assume that all students will pursue their studies with integrity and honesty; however, all students should know that incidents of academic dishonesty are taken very seriously.
- If you are caught cheating, plagiarizing, or using work that was not completed by your efforts, an investigation will be opened. An investigation could result in severe consequences including dismissal from the college.
Registering for Courses

Remember!

- English and Math results will be given to you when complete your assessments.
- ESL results can take up to 3 weeks to finalize.
- We email you when your results are posted!

You cannot register until your results are posted on your MyPortal account.

- It can take up to 3 business days after your results are finalized for your results to be posted.
View Your Course Placements on MyPortal

STEP 1: Log in to MyPortal

STEP 2: Click on “Apps.”

STEP 3: Click on the ‘Student Registration’ Tile.

STEP 4: Look under "My Records" and select "View My Placement Results."
The Assessment Center offers science proficiency exams for:
- CHEMISTRY 1A & BIOLOGY 6A
- BIOLOGY 40A

Proficiency exams allow you to skip introductory science courses.

Discuss your major requirements during Orientation’s Counseling Workshops.
- If you need to take an exam, you can make an appointment online.

These exams will not be offered during Assessment week.
How can I prepare for my assessments?

- Review assessment prep materials online: [deanza.edu/assessment/study.html](deanza.edu/assessment/study.html)
- Remember—Assessments are not tests.
  - The purpose of assessments is for the college to understand your current knowledge of the academic subject.
- Pre-Assessment Tips:
  - Be well rested
  - Eat breakfast/lunch
  - Know your student ID number and MyPortal password
  - Bring your valid, photo ID to your appointment
  - Have a few pencils or pens
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Can I retake my assessments?

- Review the re-assessment policies for each subject online: deanza.edu/assessment/results.html

- **Math** – As long as you don’t earn a non-passing grade (D, F, NP) in a math course, you can take the Math GSP Assessment **one additional time** within six months of taking your first assessment.

- **ESL** - As long as you don’t earn a non-passing grade (D, F, NP) in an ESL course, you can take the ESL Assessment **one additional time** within six months of taking your first assessment.

- **English** – Students who do **not** have a US high school GPA assessment may take the English GSP Assessment **one time only**.
Have a great Orientation!

- Bring any other questions to your Orientation.