

Receiving Credit for English Composition Based on Test Scores

Complete and return to the BroncoWeb Help Center, Admin 110.

State Board of Education policy* allows you to receive credit for English 101 and English 102 based on ACT, SAT, or Compass scores. Students testing out of English 101 or English 102 receive a grade of **pass** (P) for the course. If you wish to pursue this option, read this form in its entirety, complete the section at the bottom, and submit it to the Registrar's Office in the Administration Building.

The following scores can be used to obtain English Composition credit:

ACT: English	SAT: Critical Reading	Compass: English**	Credit Earned
25-30	570-690	95-99	3 credits (P) for ENGL 101 and placement in ENGL 102
31-36	700-800	n/a	Credit (P) for both ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 (6 total credits)

**The Compass is the only test regularly offered at Boise State. There are 3 parts: Math, English, and Reading. Bring a photo ID and the exam fee of \$10 for each part you wish to take to the Technical Service Building, 1464 University Drive, Room 115, (208) 426-2762. Testing hours are Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 am – 6 pm, and Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:30 am – 4 pm. No appointment needed.

You Should Consider Taking English Composition Even If You Have High Test Scores

There are several reasons you may want to enroll in English 101 or English 102 even if your test scores are good enough to automatically receive credit. First, computerized tests like ACT, SAT, and Compass are not the best measures of writing ability. Just because you got a high score on a multiple-choice test doesn't necessarily mean you are a strong college writer. But the most important thing is what you will miss. English Composition would likely be your smallest class your freshman year (25 students or less), and that means lots of individual attention from your instructor and lots of help with your writing. The course also encourages discussion and collaboration with other students. Many students say they made great friends in English Composition; for many, it is their favorite first-year class. Finally, English 102 instructors will expect you to have all the skills you would have learned in English 101. Instructors in other disciplines will also expect you to have sound writing skills. Do you feel confident that you have acquired all the writing skills necessary to succeed in English 102 and other college courses?

Request to Receive English Composition Credit Based on Test Scores

First Name M.I. Last Name BSU Student ID Number

Daytime Phone Number E-mail Address

Test score to be used for credit: (check all that apply) ACT SAT Compass

If you're using Compass scores, please attach a copy of your score report. If you're using ACT or SAT scores and did not submit these scores as part of the admissions process, you will need to request that official scores be sent.

Seeking credit for (check all that apply): English 101 English 102

I have read this form and wish to use my test scores to receive credit for English Composition. I understand that I cannot earn test credit for English 101 if I have completed a course in English 101; nor can I earn test credit for English 102 if I have completed a course in English 102. I understand that this credit will not appear on my transcript until I am officially enrolled at Boise State.

Student signature

Date

*Idaho State Board of Education, Governing Policies and Procedures, Section III Post Secondary Affairs, Subsection Q, Admission Standards, Part C, Placement Scores for English.