

# Freshman Assessment and Placement

The Arkansas State Board of Higher Education Freshman Assessment and Placement program prescribes statewide minimum standards to decide if entering freshmen should be in college math and English courses, or in academic transition courses in math, English, and reading. At BRTC, students whose scores indicate that they will be placed in academic transition programs must enroll in, and satisfactorily complete, those programs in their first academic year, except for reading, which must be taken and satisfactorily completed in the first semester.

ASSET, ACT, COMPASS, and SAT scores will be accepted from other accredited institutions. BRTC provides a list of COMPASS testing dates, times and locations for each semester of the school year, at both the Pocahontas and Paragould campuses. This list may be found online at [www.blackrivertech.edu](http://www.blackrivertech.edu) or by calling 1-870-248-4000. Any student who cannot attend one of the testing dates may call 1-870-248-4000, ext. 4011 or ext. 4014 (Pocahontas campus) or 1-870-239-0969, ext. 116 (Paragould campus) to schedule an appointment. Test scores that are over five years old cannot be used for enrollment purposes.

The following standards apply to all admitted, first-time freshmen, or transfer students seeking enrollment in any program at BRTC. COMPASS practice tests can be found online at [www.compasstestquestions.com](http://www.compasstestquestions.com).

**Mathematics** - \* Students must earn a passing grade of a “C” or higher in all academic transition mathematics courses to progress to the next level.

Mathematic Courses	ACT	ASSET Numerical	ASSET Intermediate	COMPASS Algebra	COMPASS Pre-Algebra	SAT
College Algebra (MATH 1023)	19 or above		42-55	50-100		430 or above
Intermediate Algebra (MATH 0033)*	19-20		38-41	37-49		380-429
Introductory Algebra (MATH 0023)*	17-18	41-55	34-37	27-36	46-100	331-379
Pre-Algebra (MATH 0013)*	0-16	23-40	23-33	0-26	0-45	0-330

**English Composition and Reading** - Students must successfully complete the following courses with a “C” or higher if scores are below 19 on one or both Reading and English on the ACT, or scores below COMPASS 77 for English and 85 for Reading. Both scores must be above the cut score to be exempt from remediation. For students testing below on either or both Reading and English, a combined score of Reading and English will determine placement. Students must complete English Essentials and Writing Fundamentals with a “C” or higher.

English Courses	ACT (English & Reading)	ASSET (English & Reading)	COMPASS (Writing & Reading)	SAT (English & Reading)
Freshman English I (ENG 1003)	19 or above in English & Reading	45 or above in English and 44 or above in Reading	77 or above in Writing and 85 or above in Reading	470 or above in English and 420 or above in Reading
Writing Fundamentals or ALP (ENG 0023)	Combined score of 34 or above with at least one remedial score	Combined score of 80 or above with at least one remedial score	Combined score of 135 or above with at least one remedial score	Combined score of 660 or above with at least one remedial score
English Essentials (ENG 0004)	Combined score of 33 or below with at least one remedial score	Combined score of 79 or below with at least one remedial score	Combined score of 134 or below with at least one remediation course	Combined score of 659 or below with at least one remedial score

**Reading** - Students must enroll in a reading course in their first semester if they score below 19 on the reading section of the ACT, below 44 on the ASSET Reading Skills Test, or below 85 on the COMPASS. Students must complete the required Reading course with a “C” or higher.

Reading Courses	ACT	ASSET Reading	COMPASS	SAT (Reading)
EXEMPT	19 or above	44-53	85-100	420 or above
Reading (READ 0033)	0-18	23-43	0-84	0-419
College Reading Skills (0013)				0-319