

# Guidance for Placement into Writing Classes

Beginning with registration for courses for fall 2022, ISU will use The Write Class™ as the primary method for placement into Objective 1 writing courses. The SAT, ACT, and high school GPA are no longer used for automatic placement into writing classes. This document explains the placement process and related information. Questions may be directed to the Department of English and Philosophy.

## Description of The Write Class

The Write Class™ is an online first-year writing course placement tool that integrates various points of data to create a personalized course placement for each student. It integrates and analyzes each student's

- standardized test scores for SAT and/or ACT (if applicable);
- high school GPA (if applicable);
- writing and reading history; and
- preparedness for each course.

The Write Class does not allow for multiple attempts, and placement results are final. Based on the information students provide in The Write Class, they will be placed into ENGL 1101, 1101P, or 1102.

This process will take between 20-30 minutes. Students are encouraged to find a quiet place and to ensure that they have ample time to answer all the questions asked as part of the placement process before beginning. They will also need to have standardized test scores (if applicable) and their high school GPA (if applicable) available at the time they begin the process.

Students will need their ISU login and password before they will be able to complete [The Write Class](#).

## General Advising for The Write Class

### Where do students place with The Write Class?

There are 3 possible placement results in The Write Class:

**ENGL 1101P**—students who place here are eligible to enroll in English 1101P

**ENGL 1101**—students who place here are eligible to enroll in English 1101P or English 1101

**ENGL 1101 with Accelerated Placement Application**—if application for admission into ENGL 1102 is accepted, students may enroll in ENGL 1101P, ENGL 1101, or ENGL 1102. If application is not accepted, students may enroll in ENGL 1101P or ENGL 1101

### How are placement results processed?

Starting with registration for Fall 2022, The Write Class, which has been integrated with Banner, will be used for placement into Objective 1 courses. Results from The Write Class are processed at 7:00 am and 12:15 pm (MT) every day (including weekends). This means that placement results will not be processed on an individual basis during SOAR sessions. Students who complete The Write Class at SOAR should be advised to enroll in the appropriate Objective 1 course after they receive their results.

### **Where are placement scores displayed in BengalWeb?**

Test scores are displayed in BengalWeb in the student profile by clicking the “Prior Education and Testing” link under the student picture. Students and advisors should be able to see this information.

Scores from The Write Class are loaded in Banner as follows:

TWC=100	Placement into ENGL 1101P
TWC=200	Placement into ENGL 1101
TWC=300	Placement into ENGL 1102

### **Who should complete The Write Class?**

*New Domestic Students:* Incoming first-year domestic students should complete The Write Class, with the following exception. Those who have relevant alternate placement test scores (AP, IB, CLEP) may use these results instead of The Write Class.

*New International Students:* Incoming first-year international students who are from a country where English is the official language of instruction should take The Write Class. Incoming first-year international students who have completed study through IEI may use these results instead of The Write Class. Most international students who have not completed IEI will use scores from the IELTS, TOEFL or Duolingo for placement. International students without these placement methods should contact the chair of the Department of English and Philosophy.

*Early College Program students:* High school students who want to take ENGL 1101 as part of the Early College Program should complete The Write Class to determine their placement. If a student places into 1101, they may enroll in the class at their high school. If a student places into ENGL 1101P, they will not have an option to take the course through the high school; however, where available, they may choose to take the course directly from ISU (on campus or online, when ECP seats are available). If a student were to place into ENGL 1102 after being assessed for accelerated placement, the student would be able to enroll in a course directly from ISU (on campus or online).

*Transfer students:* Students who transfer to ISU from another college without a first-year writing course that is equivalent to ENGL 1101, ENGL 1101P, or ENGL 1102 (with the exception listed below for international students) should complete The Write Class.\* Students who transfer to ISU

having previously successfully completed (with a C- or better) a course that is considered equivalent to ENGL 1101 or ENGL 1101P may enroll in ENGL 1102. Students who successfully completed the equivalent of the entire Objective 1 sequence (passed ENGL 1101 and 1102 with a C- or better) do not need to complete The Write Class. \*\*

*\*The Write Class will not override a failed attempt at a First-Year Writing course.*

*\*\*The Write Class will not override transfer credits.*

***Please note:*** International students should **not** complete The Write Class unless English is the official language of instruction in their home country. They will use their IELTS or TOEFL scores for placement into writing classes.

### **How can students access their placement results?**

Students receive an email with their placement results upon completion. Alternately, they can log in to The Write Class (<https://www.thewriteclass.org>) at any time and they will be taken to the last page they completed. If they have received a placement result, when they log in, they will be taken to the result page, which can be printed.

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### **Can students redo The Write Class?**

No. Students may not go back and change answers during the process, nor redo The Write Class once they have completed it. Placement results are final. This is why we stress the importance of completing The Write Class when they have the time and attention to devote to it.

### **What is the process for the Accelerated Placement portfolio application?**

Students whose results indicate that they may be ready to begin in English 1102 are given the option to submit a portfolio which is reviewed by faculty. Students will submit 2 pieces of writing (from previous coursework) and will provide short-answer statements to a series of questions regarding their work. Students will be notified via email within 10 business days with results.

A successful accelerated placement application will waive the English 1101 requirement. If students need credit for English 1101 for their degrees, they should enroll in ENGL 1101 rather than start in ENGL 1102. If students receive an accelerated placement into ENGL 1102, they will not receive credit for ENGL 1101. As a result, students may need to enroll in additional general education courses to fulfill the credit requirement for general education. Students should consult with an advisor for assistance.

**If a student has not taken The Write Class (and does not have an accepted alternate method of placement), can the student register in ENGL 1101 or ENGL 1101P?**

No. If a student has not taken The Write Class and has not earned transferable credit (including [AP](#) or IB, etc.) for the equivalent of ENGL 1101 or 1102, then the student will not be eligible to register for ENGL courses requiring the Write Class as the prerequisite. The previous prerequisites of High school GPA and SAT/ACT test scores as prerequisites have been removed from all ENGL 1101P, 1101, and 1102 courses in the student information system.

## **Credit by Exam**

Students may use a range of standardized tests (AP, IB, CLEP) as alternate methods of placement into first-year writing courses, and some scores allow for credit to be granted. Additional information can be found on the Office of the Registrar Web site in the [Credit-by-Exam section](#).

## **Transfer Credits**

### **How are transfer credits processed?**

The Registrar's Office processes transfer credits. Once official transcripts have been received and evaluated by the Registrar's Office, if courses have been determined to be equivalent to those at ISU, the credit will be reflected on the Idaho State University transcript.

### **What if a completed transfer course does not have an Idaho State University equivalency?**

If a transfer course does not have an established equivalency with Idaho State University, the transfer course will need to be reviewed by the Department of English and Philosophy. Students will need to complete an Undergraduate Petition and attach the following documents:

- Course catalog description (from semester course was completed)
- Course syllabus (from actual course taken, when available)

The decision will be communicated to the Registrar's office and to the student.

### **What if a transfer course is in progress?**

In-progress courses cannot be evaluated as prerequisites for enrollment.

## Troubleshooting

### What if a student is unable to enroll in a FYW course?

Students who have necessary prerequisites should be able to self-enroll in a course. There are potential situations where a student may receive a prerequisite error message when trying to self-enroll:

- They have not completed The Write Class
- They have completed The Write Class but their results have not been processed
- Their transcripts with transfer courses have not been received/evaluated
- Their test scores have not been received/entered into the system
- They have completed the Accelerated Placement Application but a final determination has not yet been made.

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