

# CUNY Assessment Test Exemption Policy at Bronx Community College

## CUNY Assessment Test Program

- The CUNY Assessment Tests (CAT) are critical in measuring your readiness for college success. These high-stakes tests evaluate your competency in areas of reading, writing, and mathematics.
  - Your results on the CUNY Assessment Tests can determine admission to four-year colleges.
  - Your results on the CUNY Assessment Tests can determine whether or not you can enroll in credit-bearing courses directly, or if you must first take non-credit courses in reading, writing, math, or ESL.
- The three CUNY Assessment Tests are given in Reading, Writing, and Math.
- Prepare for the tests: Use the resources available to prepare for the CUNY Assessment Tests at <http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/TestingOffice/>

## Reading and Writing Exemptions and Testing Requirements

Exemption Categories for Reading and Writing (Exempt students according to below do not need to take placement tests in Reading and Writing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New York State Regents exam in English with score of 75 or higher</li><li>• SAT Critical Reading score of 480 or higher</li><li>• Pre-college ACT English score of 20 or higher</li><li>• Second degree students with prior US bachelor's degree</li><li>• Transfer students who have taken a 3-credit Freshman Composition course (or a higher level English course for which Freshman Comp. is a pre-requisite) at an accredited college and earned a grade of "C" or higher ("C-" is not acceptable)</li><li>• Historical passes on old CUNY Reading (RAT) and Writing (WAT) placement tests</li></ul>
Placement Test Proficiency Cutoffs for Reading and Writing (Non-exempt incoming students must take placement tests)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ACT Essay score of 7 or higher (Writing proficiency only)</li><li>• Compass Reading score of 70 or higher (Reading proficiency only)</li></ul>
College-Level Course Placement for Reading and Writing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students who are exempt or pass both placement tests can enroll in ENG 11 or any course that requires ENG 11 as a co-requisite</li></ul>

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## Mathematics Exemptions and Testing Requirements

All new students-whether or not they are math proficient-are required to take the CUNY assessment Test in Mathematics. Test results will be used to place students in the appropriate mathematics course at the college.

Exemption Categories for Mathematics	
Testing Requirements	Exemption Categories
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exempt students in Mathematics are required to take Algebra (Part II), Trigonometry (Part V) and depending on their performance in Part V, College Algebra (Part III). Scores below the college-level proficiency cut-offs do not override the exemption categories.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: Prospective Clinical Nursing majors are required to test in Part I (Pre-Algebra) and Part II</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New York State Regents exam in Math with score of 75 or higher</li> <li>SAT Math score of 480 or higher</li> <li>Second degree students with prior US bachelor's degree</li> <li>Transfer students who have taken a 3 credit college-level math course at an accredited college and earned a grade of "C" or higher ("C-"is not acceptable)</li> <li>ACT Math Score of 20 or higher</li> <li>Historical CUNY MAT scores of <math>\geq 25</math> on Parts I and II, <math>\geq 13</math> on Part III, and <math>\geq 4</math> on Part IV</li> </ul>

College-Level Course Placement for Math Exempt Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Math exempt students may register for MTH 21 or MTH 23 depending on their chosen curriculum. If approved by Math Department, students may register for MTH 13 or MTH 30</li> </ul>

Placement Test Proficiency Cutoffs for Mathematics	
Testing Requirements	College-Level Course Proficiency Cutoffs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-exempt incoming students are required to take Compass Mathematics Placement test in Pre-Algebra (Part I) and Elementary Algebra (Part II). Depending on performance on Part II, students may test in Trigonometry (Part V) and/or College Algebra (Part III).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students require a score of <math>\geq 30</math> on Part I, <math>\geq 50</math> on Part II and <math>\geq 30</math> on Part V to enroll in a credit bearing Math course.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MTH 13 for Science and Technology Majors</li> <li>MTH 21/23 for Liberal Arts A.A. majors</li> <li>MTH 30 for Math, Science and Business curricula</li> </ul> </li> <li>Otherwise, students are placed into remedial courses based on placement exam scores.</li> </ul>