

## General Overview of placements:

In this module you will find out what each placement is for and why it is important to know what your placement is.

Placements are used to determine which Math, English and Foreign language courses you will take to fulfill GE and/or major requirements and if you have the appropriate pre-requisites to register for a course. Math Placement Level Information

### Math Placement Level

All incoming freshman will receive a Math Placement Level (MPL) based on their ALEKS PPL assessment. Students can find their Math Placement Level listed on their Progress Report. Math prerequisites are strictly enforced at SUNY New Paltz. You can raise your MPL by earning C- or better in specific math courses.

Some courses have Math Placement Level restrictions (math, science, business, and economics). Your MPL will indicate what courses you are prepared for and eligible to take:

ALEKS SCORE	MPL	Math courses you are eligible to take (you can take courses with prerequisite less than or equal to your MPL) <i>*Students should always consult with their advisor to choose course(s) since many majors have specific requirements for mathematics.</i>
0 – 45	2	Courses at this level DO NOT fulfill the GE Math category but will raise MPL to 3 MAT 120 College Math - recommended if interested in majors in liberal or fine arts MAT 121 College Math with Supplemental Algebra Workshop - recommended if interested in majors in math, science, engineering or business
46 – 60	3	MAT 152 College Algebra (if interested in math, science, engineering or business majors) MAT 140/240 Math for Elementary School Teachers I & II (for elementary education students only) MAT 142, MAT 143, MAT 145 (any of these will meet GE math requirement)
61 – 79	4	MAT 171 Mathematical Methods for Business (for business majors only) MAT 181 Precalculus MAT 241 Introduction to Statistics <i>Also required to take General Biology I and General Chemistry I</i>
80 – 100	5	MAT 251 Calculus I

\*See the schedule of classes for course titles and descriptions

Find more information about the ALEKS exam on the Math Placement site:

<https://www.newpaltz.edu/math/placement.html>

## English Placement Level

All incoming freshman will receive an English Placement level based on an English Placement rubric. This rubric takes into consideration several factors:

- SAT and/or ACT scores
- SAT Essay sub score
- NYS Regents' exam
- High school English grades
- AP, IB and College level courses will also affect placement

Your English Placement level will determine which English course you will start with to complete the Basic Communication GE requirement.

You and your advisor will discuss what your placement is, and which course would be most appropriate for you to register for in the fall semester or if you should wait to take English in the spring semester.

*Based on your placement you will register to take ENG160 (level 3), ENG 170 (level 4), or ENG206 (level 5). It is important that this requirement is completed within your first year of study at New Paltz.*

## Foreign Language Placement Level

All incoming freshman will receive a Foreign Language Placement level based on the Foreign Language Placement rubric. This rubric takes into consideration the **number of years a language was studied in high school (grades 9-12)**. AP, IB and College level courses will also affect placement.

Your Foreign Language placement level will determine which language course you will start with to complete the Foreign Language GE requirement.

You and your advisor will discuss what your placement is, and which course would be most appropriate for you to register for in the fall or spring semester.

Here is a breakdown of what language course you will register for based on your placement level.

Note: You may not register for a level lower than what you have been given

# of years language studied in high school (9-12)	Foreign Language Placement Level (FLPL)	Register for a Language with this course suffix
0	No FLPL	Must register for 101
1	LPL1	Must register for 102
2	LPL2	Must register for 201
3	LPL3	Must register for 202
4	LPL4	Must register for 301 (311 for GER)
5	LPL5	Must register for FRN302/GER312/SPA361
6+	Higher than LPL5	Should consult with an advisor from the Dept. of LL&C

*Example: If someone takes 3 years of Spanish in high school, they will have a Spanish level 3. The student would register for Intermediate Spanish 2 (SPA202).*