

TESTING

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE PROGRAM (TSI)*

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) was mandated by Texas law in 2003 and went into effect in September of 2003. The purpose of TSI is to ensure that all students enrolling in public higher education in Texas possess the academic skills needed to perform effectively in college-level coursework. TSI includes a testing component designed to identify and provide diagnostic information about the reading, writing, and mathematics skills of each student.

** Test scores may not be more than five years old.

TSI Cut Scores for College Readiness: (BEFORE January 11, 2021)

Mathematics	Minimum of 350 to 390
Reading	Minimum of 351 to 390
Writing	Minimum of 340, and an essay score of at least 4;

TSI Assessment, v2 (TSIA2 , (administered AFTER January 11, 2021)

Mathematics	Minimum of 950 Below 950 must have a Diagnostic level of 6
English Language Arts Reading (ELAR)	Minimum of 945 and an essay of at least 5; Below 945 Must have diagnostic level of 5 or 6 and an essay score of at least 5.

Note: You may mix passing scores from the old TSIA and TSIA2. For example, If you passed reading and writing on the TSIA, and are incomplete in Math only, you may take only the math portion of the TSIA2. However, Reading and Writing are combined into one assessment in the TSIA2, so if you passed Reading only or Writing only prior to 01/11/2021, you must take the entire ELAR TSIA2 assessment.

PLAN:

English	Composite score of 23, minimum 19
Mathematics	Composite score of 23, minimum 19

ASPIRE:

English	Minimum of 435
Mathematics	Minimum of 431

PSAT/NMSQT (Prior to October 15, 2015):

English	Combined Reading & Mathematics of 107, minimum of 50
Mathematics	Combined Reading & Mathematics of 107, minimum of 50

PSAT/NMSQT (After October 15, 2015 and Prior to May 16th, 2024):

Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing	Minimum of 460
Mathematics	Minimum of 510

NOTE: Mixing or combining PSAT/NMSQT scores administered prior to October 15, 2015 or after October 15, 2015 is not allowable.

A student may be exempted from the requirement to take the approved TSI Assessment if the student meets one of the following circumstances:

ACT: (Prior to February 15, 2023):

English	Composite score of 23, minimum of 19
Mathematics	Composite score of 23, minimum of 19

ACT: (After February 15, 2023):

English and Reading	Combined score of 40 on English and Reading tests
Mathematics	Minimum of 22 on the mathematics test. There is not composite score.

SAT (Prior to March 2016):

Critical Reading	Combined Critical Reading & Mathematics of 1070, minimum of 500
Mathematics	Combined Critical Reading & Mathematics of 1070, minimum of 500

SAT (After March 5, 2016):

Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing	Minimum of 480
Mathematics	Minimum of 530

NOTE: Mixing or combining scores from SAT administered prior to March 5, 2016 and the SAT administered on or after March 5, 2016 is not allowable.

STAAR EOC: (Prior to May 16th, 2024)

Algebra I	Level 2 (4000) & passing grade in high school Algebra II
Algebra II	Level 2 (4000)
English II	Level 2 (4000)

For additional information on Texas Success Initiative policies or test dates at TVCC, contact the Testing Center at Athens or the Advisement Centers at Athens, Palestine, or Terrell.

Academic Transfer Testing

Students must meet the aforementioned guidelines for academic transfer course enrollment (i.e. English, history, biology, speech, government, etc.).

Credit by Exam: ACT, SAT & Advanced Placement (AP)

Trinity Valley Community College will award academic credit to students whose scores on the ACT, SAT or Advanced Placement (AP) exams meet or exceed those outlined in the charts below. In order for credit by exam to be awarded, the following stipulations must be met:

- Students must have a minimum of three semester hours in residence at TVCC.
- Student must be TSI complete in the corresponding section before the credit by exam will be posted to the student's transcript.
- Students requesting college credit based on ACT, SAT, CEEB or CLEP scores must submit official scores to the Student Records Office
 - Submitted placement scores must have been earned within the previous five years.

The credits stated below are in accordance with Trinity Valley Community College policies and do not guarantee acceptance by transfer universities.

- Exam credit may not be earned for any course in which the student has already earned a passing grade. Exam credit will not be awarded for any courses in which a student is currently enrolled.

When a student plans to transfer to another institution, it is the student's responsibility to contact the university to verify acceptance and applicability of credit by examination that TVCC awarded.

Contact the Student Records Office for more details at studentrecords@tvcc.edu.

ACT AND SAT SCORES

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Minimum ACT score</u>	<u>Minimum SAT Scores</u>	<u>Course Exemption</u>	<u>Credit Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
English	29	620	ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301	3
English	32	690	ENGL 1302	ENGL 1302	3
Mathematics	26	560	MATH 1314	MATH 1314	3
Mathematics	30	630	MATH 2312	MATH 2312	3

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (CEEB) SCORES

AP Exam	Minimum AP Score	Course Credit	Semester Hours
Biology	3	BIOL 1406 OR BIOL 1408	4
Biology	4	BIOL 1406 &1407 OR BIOL 1408 &1409	8
Calculus AB	3	MATH 2413	4
Calculus BC	3	MATH 2413	4
Chemistry	3	CHEM 1405 OR 1411	4
Chemistry	4	CHEM 1405 & 1407 OR CHEM 1411 & 1412	8
Economics – Macro	3	ECON 2301	3
Economics – Macro	3	ECON 2302	3
English Language & Composition	3	ENGL 1301	3
English Language & Composition	4	ENGL 1301 & 1302	6
English Literature & Composition	3	ENGL 1301	3
English Literature & Composition	4	ENGL 1301 & ANY LIT COURSE	6
Spanish	3	SPAN 1411 & 1412 (WITH LAB)	8
Spanish	4	SPAN 1411 & 1412 & 2311 (WITH LAB)	12
Spanish	5	SPAN 1411 & 1412 & 2311 & 2312	14
Statistics	3	MATH 1342	3
Physics 1	3	PHYS 1401	4
Physics 2	3	PHYS 1402	4
Physics C	3	PHYS 2426 (MUST PASS BOTH PHYSICS C MECHANICS & PHYSICS C ELEC. & MAGNETISM WITH A 3 FOR COURSE CREDIT)	4
Human Geography	3	GEOG 1302	3
U.S. History	3	HIST 1301	3
Pre-Calculus	3	MATH 2312	3
Psychology	3	PSYC 2301	3
U.S. Government & Politics	3	GOVT 2305	3

Credit by Exam: CLEP Subject Examination

Trinity Valley Community College is an open testing center for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), which was developed by the College Entrance Examination Board. Copies of the CLEP Registration Guide and the registration form may be obtained from the Testing Center or online at the College Board CLEP website. The cost for administering the CLEP subject exams is \$95 (subject to change according to CLEP requirements), payable to CLEP. In addition, Trinity Valley Community College charges a \$25 non-refundable administrative fee.

Trinity Valley Community College will accept a maximum of 30 semester hours of CLEP credit from the courses listed below provided that the student meets the following stipulations:

- CLEP credit may not be earned for any course in which the student has already earned a passing grade. CLEP credit will not be awarded for any courses in which a student is currently enrolled.
- CLEP scores may be no more than 10 years old to receive credit at TVCC.
- Students must have a minimum of three semester hours in residence at TVCC.
- Student must be TSI complete in the corresponding section before CLEP credit will be posted to the student's transcript.

Contact the Student Records Office for more details at studentrecords@tvcc.edu.

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