

# First-Year Composition Placement Options for Multilingual Writers

## Who are Multilingual Writers?

*Multilingual writers* are students for whom English is not the native language. They include international students (on F-1 or J-1 visa) as well as resident students (including permanent residents and U.S. citizens).

## Placement Options for Multilingual Writers at ASU

	Mainstream	Multilingual
Introduction to Academic Writing	WAC 101	WAC 107
First-Year Composition I	ENG 101	ENG 107
First-Year Composition II	ENG 102	ENG 108
Advanced Composition	ENG 105	N/A

Multilingual sections are offered as **options** for multilingual students who need additional support for linguistic and cultural development. **They do not *have to enroll in those courses.***

## Course Descriptions

**WAC 101:** Combines classroom and supplemental instruction to teach academic genres of writing, including definition, summary, and analysis.

**WAC 107:** For students for whom English is not the native language. Combines classroom and supplemental instruction to teach academic genres of writing, including definition, summary, and analysis.

**ENG 101:** Discovers, organizes, and develops ideas in relation to the writer's purpose, subject, and audience. Emphasizes modes of written discourse and effective use of rhetorical principles.

**ENG 107:** For students for whom English is not the native language. Discovers, organizes, and develops ideas in relation to the writer's purpose, subject, and audience. Emphasizes modes of written discourse and effective use of rhetorical principles. Satisfies the graduation requirement of ENG 101.

**ENG 102:** Critical reading and writing; emphasizes strategies of academic discourse. Research writing required.

**ENG 108:** For students for whom English is not the native language. Critical reading and writing; emphasizes strategies of academic discourse. Research writing required. Satisfies graduation requirement of ENG 102.

## How the Placement is Determined

The Writing Programs uses standardized test scores to place multilingual students into first-year composition courses. If students do not have test scores or are not satisfied with their test scores, they can choose to take the ACCUPLACER<sup>®</sup>, a written test for first-year English composition, administered by the University Testing and Scanning Services ([http://www.asu.edu/uts/e\\_accuplacer.htm](http://www.asu.edu/uts/e_accuplacer.htm); 480-965-7146).

### Test Scores and Course Placement

Placement Exam	Score	Course
ACT English	Below 19	WAC 101 or WAC 107
	19 or above	ENG 101 or ENG 107
	26 or above	ENG 105
SAT Verbal	Below 470	WAC 101 or WAC 107
	470 or above	ENG 101 or ENG 107
	620 or above	ENG 105
TOEFL	Below 560PBT/220CBT/83iBT	WAC 107
	560PBT/220CBT/83iBT or above	ENG 101 or ENG 107
IELTS	Below 6.5	WAC 107
	6.5 or above	ENG 101 or ENG 107
PTEA	Below 56	WAC 107
	56 or above	ENG 101 or ENG 107
ACCUPLACER <sup>®</sup> (8-point system)	Below 5	WAC 101 or WAC 107
	5 or above	ENG 101 or ENG 107
	8	ENG 105
ACCUPLACER <sup>®</sup> (12-point system)	Below 8	WAC 101 or WAC 107
	8 or above	ENG 101 or ENG 107
	11 or above	ENG 105

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