

Technical College Readiness English: Frequently Asked Questions

1. When will districts be able to implement the course?

Answer: Effective January 2017

2. For what population of students is this course designed?

Answer: The course is designed for students who have evidence of difficulty passing middle school English Language Arts End of Grade (EOG) assessments and who experienced difficulty in the first one or two core high school English courses. Students must also score below 224 on the Reading Comprehension ACCUPLACER Placement Test to be eligible to take the course.

3. Who should be eligible for this course?

Answer: This course is designed for students who need significant reading support. Technical College Readiness English can be offered as a third or fourth course option to students who must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- Have earned credit in Ninth Grade Literature and Composition prior **and**,
- Have earned credit or are concurrently enrolled in American Literature and Composition **and**,
- Score less than 224 on the Reading Comprehension ACCUPLACER Placement Test (minimum score required to enroll in Technical College System of Georgia courses).

Students who qualify according to these criteria may be offered the opportunity to take Technical College Readiness English as one of the four required core English credits for high school graduation. However, qualifying students should not be required to take the course, and teacher recommendations, planned postsecondary enrollments, and other factors should be carefully considered in the enrollment decision.

4. What are the ACCUPLACER Tests?

Answer: See <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/educator/accurate-placement> and <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/inside-the-test>

5. Which ACCUPLACER Test is required for this course?

Answer: The ACCUPLACER Placement Test is required for eligibility and as a posttest. Note: Eligible students must score lower than 224 on the Reading Comprehension ACCUPLACER Placement Test prior to enrolling in this course.

6. Who administers the ACCUPLACER Placement Test?

Answer: Local education agencies that opt to provide this course should administer the ACCUPLACER Placement Test as a pretest and a posttest.

7. Who will fund the ACCUPLACER administration?

Answer: Local education agencies opting to offer this course will pay administration fees for ACCUPLACER Placement Test administrations.

8. What are the English sequence requirements for a student including this course in his/her sequence?

Answer: A student should have passed Ninth Grade Literature and Composition prior to taking this course. A student should have passed American Literature and Composition or be concurrently enrolled in American Literature and Composition while taking this course. Note: Eligible students must score lower than 224 on the Reading Comprehension ACCUPLACER Placement Test prior to enrolling in this course.

9. Will this course have an End Of Course (EOC) exam?

Answer: No. While Ninth Grade Literature and Composition and American Literature and Composition will continue to have EOC exams, the final exam for the Technical College Readiness English course is the ACCUPLACER Placement Test.

10. Will students who do not pass the posttest fail the course?

Answer: The ACCUPLACER Placement Test could be used as the course final exam but not as the final course grade; the test alone does not determine course pass/fail.

11. Is this course a core English course?

Answer: Yes.

12. Could this course be used as a fourth course option to meet high school English graduation requirements?

Answer: Yes.

13. Will this course meet diploma requirements for the military?

Answer: Yes.

14. Will this course support admission to Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) diploma programs?

Answer: Yes. This course is designed to support students to meet admission requirements for TCSG diploma programs, including a 224 minimum score on the Reading Comprehension ACCUPLACER Placement Test. Students would need to complete all TCSG diploma admission requirements.

15. Will this course support admission to TCSG degree programs?

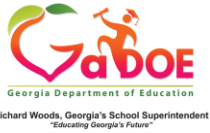
Answer: No. However, students who complete this course and certain identified technical college courses could become qualified for TCSG degree programs.

16. Will this course substitute for American Literature and Composition?

Answer: No. Note that USG institutions will not accept this course as a substitute for American Literature and Composition.

17. Does this impact NCAA requirements?

Answer: It is highly probable that NCAA requirements may not recognize this course. Please investigate each case individually with NCAA.



18. Will University System of Georgia (USG) Research Institutions accept this course as a fourth English?

Answer: No.

19. Will a course overview, curriculum map, and unit frameworks be provided the Georgia Department of Education?

Answer: Not at this time. Hall County School District has agreed to share information if needed.

20. Will prospective teachers be afforded professional learning by the Georgia Department of Education?

Answer: Not at this time.

21. How will the effectiveness of this course be evaluated?

Answer: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) will analyze the course effectiveness and report to the Georgia State Board of Education (SBOE) annually.

22. What data needs to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Education

Answer: Specific directions for a data file upload will be provided for local education agencies that opt to provide this course during Spring 2017. In the future, local education agencies will not have to upload data in a special file.