TSI ASSESSMENT (TSIA) College Readiness Standards

Approved phase-in College Ready cut-scores

Phase 1 – Freshmen entering higher education Fall 2013 (first class day)
✓ Mathematics - 350
✓ Reading - 351
✓ Writing –
  • Placement score of at least 350 and an essay score of at least a 5; OR
  • Placement score of at least 363 and an essay score of 4; OR
  • Placement score of less than 350, an ABE Diagnostic Score of at least a 4, and an essay score of at least a 5

Phase 2 – Freshmen entering higher education Fall 2017 (first class day)
✓ Mathematics - 356
✓ Reading - 355
✓ Writing –
  • Placement score of at least 350 and an essay score of at least a 5; OR
  • Placement score of at least 363 and an essay score of 4; OR
  • Placement score of less than 350, an ABE Diagnostic Score of at least a 4, and an essay score of at least a 5

Final – Freshmen entering higher education Fall 2019 (first class day)
✓ Mathematics - 369
✓ Reading - 359
✓ Writing –
  • Placement score of at least 350 and an essay score of at least a 5; OR
  • Placement score of at least 363 and an essay score of 4; OR
  • Placement score of less than 350, an ABE Diagnostic Score of at least a 4, and an essay score of at least a 5

Approved Developmental Education standards (no phase-in)
Freshmen entering higher education Fall 2013 (first class day)

Note: Diagnostic results must be used in conjunction with Placement score when placing students who are not college-ready [Rule §4.55©]; these students should NOT be placed based solely on Placement scores.
✓ Mathematics – TSIA Placement score 336-349; OR TSIA Placement score 310-335 and ABE Diagnostic level of 5/6
✓ Reading – TSIA Placement score 342-350; OR TSIA Placement score 310-341 and ABE Diagnostic level of 5/6
✓ Writing –
  • TSIA Placement score of 350-362 and an essay score of less than 5; OR
  • TSIA Placement score of at least 363 and an essay score of less than 4; OR
  • TSIA Placement score of less than 350, and ABE Diagnostic level of at least a 4, and an essay score of less than 5

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