All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR).

Students can meet this requirement by scoring:

- 30 or better on the ACT Combined English/Writing Test; or
- 680 or better on the College Board SAT-II Writing Test; or
- 680 or better on the College Board SAT Reasoning Test, Writing section; or
- 3, 4 or 5 on either Advanced Placement (AP) Examination in English; or
- 5 or above on an International Baccalaureate High Level English A exam; or
- 6 or above on an International Baccalaureate Standard Level English A exam or;
- a passing score on the UC Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE)

If you have not earned the minimum score on any of the exams listed above and you have received a possible ESL designation on the AWPE, you must take the Academic English Placement Exam, which will determine whether or not you need to take course/s in Academic English before moving on to the Composition Program.

UPON REFERRAL TO THE ACADEMIC ENGLISH/ESL PROGRAM. YOU MUST:

**STEP #1:**

Take the Academic English Placement Exam. You can check for upcoming test dates and register online by visiting the UCI Academic Testing Center website (http://www.testingcenter.uci.edu/). Remember, you will need an active UCInetID and password to register.

**STEP #2:**

After you have tested, your results will be available on the Testing Center website in about a week. Please sign in to your account and view the “My Results” page to view your placement.

- **For the reading portion**, depending on your score, you will either need to enroll in Academic English 22A or you will be exempt from the class.
- **For writing**, you will be placed into the appropriate course in the Academic Writing sequence (Academic English 20A, B, C) or you will be exempt from Academic English and placed into Composition to take WR39A.

The purpose of the Academic English writing series at UCI is twofold: first, to help students strengthen their reading and writing skills in academic English before they take the Writing 39 series; and second, to prepare students for the language requirements of their other academic classes.

**STEP #3:**

Check the online Schedule of Classes (http://websoc.reg.uci.edu/perl/WebSoc) for course offerings. Register for the appropriate level.