

**Diablo Valley College**  
**MATH AND ENGLISH ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**  
**International Students Admissions and Services (ISAS)**

The purpose of the assessments is to ensure that students are enrolled in the proper level of English or math. **REMEMBER: If you are NEW STUDENT outside of the US you MUST take the ISSA lower level Math Self-Assessment in order to get an EARLIER COURSE REGISTRATION/ENROLLMENT date and time. If you are in the DVC area and you have received your DVC Student Identification (ID) number you should take the ON CAMPUS English and Math Assessments. Students who do NOT complete 1) the online international advising/orientation 2) Math assessment and 3) the Student Education Plan will NOT receive an earlier registration date. The sooner you sign up for classes the better. DO NOT WAIT until you arrive to the DVC campus to sign up for classes. The majority of students who enter Diablo Valley College and wish to take a math course above MATH 120 or an English course above 116 or 118 must take an assessment ON CAMPUS. Exceptions to the assessment are listed below within the questions and answers section.**

**LOWER LEVEL ON-LINE MATH SELF ASSESSMENT:** Aside from taking the lower level online math assessment to receive an earlier course registration date, it is also meant for students who are interested in taking math classes at or below the MATH 120 (Intermediate Algebra) level. You can take the ON-LINE Informed Student Self-Assessment (ISSA) by going to <http://www.dvc.edu/issa>

Please follow the instructions carefully. Once you have completed the test, your score will automatically be uploaded to your student record by 10:00AM (PACIFIC TIME) the following BUSINESS day so that you will be able to enroll in a MATH class online even before coming to DVC. **Please remember that you must first complete the international online orientation, math assessment and Student Education Plan before you can sign up for any classes at all.** You are also required BY LAW to sign up for and attend the F-1 Students Check-In session.

## MATH ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### *How often can I take the college-level math assessment?*

This test may be taken twice your first semester and then once every following semester, but students must wait at least seven days from the initial test date for a re-test.

### *How do I arrange to take the College Level Math assessment?*

An appointment is now required to take the Math assessment. To see the schedule of when the assessment is offered and to make an appointment please go to <http://www.dvc.edu/enrollment/assessment/index.html>

### *Can I use my O-level/IGCSE, A-level or IB results instead of taking the Math assessment to enroll in a Math class?*

Students who have taken and passed, with a grade of C or better, the Ordinary Level/IGCSE exam (British system) in Mathematics may consider the Math 120 course as completed. This makes you eligible to take classes that have a Math 120 prerequisite but no class higher.

Students who have taken and passed, with a grade C or better, the Additional Mathematics O-level/IGCSE may place directly into any college-level math class up to Calculus 1 (MATH 192) without taking the assessment.

Students who have taken and passed, with a grade C or better, any (British system) Mathematics track Advanced (A)-level may place directly into any college-level math class up to Calculus 2 (MATH 193) without taking the assessment.

Students who have taken Standard Level or Higher Level Calculus through the International Baccalaureate program can also be placed directly into math courses without taking the assessment. For students whose goal is to transfer, you should check with the four year school you are interested in to see how they will apply your IB credit to math prerequisites.

Students can send copies of their exam results along with the prerequisite form which is available at [http://www.dvc.edu/enrollment/a-and-r/pdfs/Prerequisite\\_Form.pdf](http://www.dvc.edu/enrollment/a-and-r/pdfs/Prerequisite_Form.pdf) to the International Students Admissions and Services (ISAS) office to have the math pre-requisites waived. The ISAS office will forward the forms to the Admissions and Records office.

***Can I use math classes I have taken before to test out of the pre-requisites?***

The only math classes that can be used to test out of any math levels are those taken at United States schools. This includes US schools with campuses outside of the US. The math class must be on US university transcripts. Students who have taken math outside of the United States at a non-US institution (with the exception of the courses listed above) must take the assessment because no evaluation is available for those math levels taken at non-US colleges or universities. If a student has taken a math course IN the United States, they must submit a transcript to the ISAS office and a prerequisite form for evaluation to establish what level of math they should be in at DVC.

***Can I practice for the math assessment?***

Yes, there are practice assessments available for college-level math at <http://www.dvc.edu/enrollment/assessment/math-practice.html>

**ENGLISH ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—PLEASE NOTE: F-1 international students are NOT required to take the English assessment in order to receive the earliest possible course registration/enrollment date. The English assessment can ONLY be taken on the DVC campus.**

***Which English assessment do I take?***

You should take the regular English assessment, NOT the ESL assessment.

***How often can I take the English assessment?***

You can take the English assessment ONLY two times for your *entire educational career at the Contra Costa Community College DISTRICT which Diablo Valley College is a part of*. You must wait a minimum seven days between the two test sittings.

***How do I arrange to take the English assessment?***

An appointment is required to take the English assessment. To see the schedule of when the assessment is offered and to make an appointment please go to <http://www.dvc.edu/assessment> (select NEW STUDENT)

***I submitted a TOEFL score do I still have to take the English assessment?***

Yes, the TOEFL is an admissions requirement and the English assessment is to establish which English level is best suited for you. ALL new students must take the English assessment to take an English class above the English 116 and English 118 level. The TOEFL and other proofs of English proficiency are used to receive the earliest possible registration date.

***Can I use my A-level or IB results instead of taking the English assessment to enroll in an English class?***

Unfortunately, at this time DVC does not have the equivalencies for the English A-levels and IB higher level exams. However, most four year colleges offer 8 semester units for transfer and clear the full year of English. So, if your goal is to transfer to a four year school and you have A-Level or IB Higher Level English results with passing grades, we strongly recommend you see our international counselor or contact the four year school you are interested in attending before signing up for English classes at DVC.

***Can I test out of the English assessment or use classes I have already taken for pre-requisites?***

Only courses taken within the US can be used as prerequisites for English and you must submit a copy of your transcripts for evaluation to the Admissions and Records office. If you wish to submit transcripts to ISAS office, we will forward them to Admissions and Records office with a prerequisite form in order to clear prerequisites.