

COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

Quantitative Skills Competency

Students meet the quantitative skills requirement by passing the test; or passing MATH 101, 218, 221, 231 or 232 at Wheaton College; or transferring credit for the same courses from another college or through AP exams. The test is given during Orientation to those freshmen who have not met the requirement with AP or transfer credit. Those who are unable to pass the test may retake it at a later date or else take one of the above courses. **Requirement must be completed by the end of Sophomore year.**

Oral Communication Competency

A test to meet the speech requirement is offered each semester. It consists of original an eight-minute persuasive speech presented to a member of the Communication Department faculty. Students who do not pass this test or who choose not to take the test must take an approved 2 or 4 hour course in the Communication Department to meet the oral communication competency requirement. See *Wheaton* catalog *online* at <http://www.wheaton.edu/Registrar/catalog/> for approved courses. **Requirement must be completed by the end of Sophomore year.**

Biblical Content Competency

A competency test to meet part of the Old Testament (OT) or New Testament (NT) requirement will be offered in the fall and spring semesters. Students who fail one of these tests or who choose not to take them must take 4 hours of OT and 4 hours of NT course work. Students who pass the OT and/or NT competency test(s) will need to take a 2-hour OT and/or 2-hour NT course(s).

Writing Competency

An optional competency test to waive the writing requirement is offered during each semester and is open only to freshmen and to transfer students during their first year at Wheaton. The exam is described in the "General Education Requirements" section of the college catalog. **Requirement must be met by the end of the Sophomore year.**

NOTE: In some areas listed on the reverse side, department exams are given also. If interested, check with the appropriate department after you enroll at Wheaton.

Refer to the Wheaton catalog online at www.wheaton.edu/Registrar/catalog/ for a complete explanation of the General Education requirements.

MEETING GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AT WHEATON COLLEGE BY TESTING



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Additional information concerning testing will be included in the 2011-12 *Wheaton* catalog. After students confirm their intention to enroll for fall, they will receive a mailing (in mid May) describing the on-campus competency tests to be offered online, during Orientation, and during fall semester.

American College Testing Program (ACT)

All prospective Wheaton students are required to submit the ACT or the SAT test scores as part of their application for admission. A qualifying ACT Writing Test subscore may be used for placement into ENGW 104.

Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ

This organization administers each of the following testing programs:

1. Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT)

These test scores may be submitted by the prospective student in place of the ACT test scores. A qualifying SAT Essay subscore may be used to meet part of the competency in writing requirement.

2. College Board SAT Subject Tests —<http://www.collegeboard.com>

These tests are commonly used to waive college requirements; although, usually, no college credit may be earned from them. Tests are offered in American History, Biology, Chemistry, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Spanish and World History. **Students who have studied a foreign language for more than two years are strongly encouraged to take the appropriate SAT Subject test, since that will exempt them from taking an online placement test, and some scores qualify for college credit.** The student may take up to three exams on one day.

Normally, students sign up for these exams through the Guidance Counselor at their high schools. If this is not possible, students may register online at www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.

3. Advanced Placement (AP)—<http://www.apcentral.collegeboard.com>

These exams are offered in some of the same areas as the SAT Subject tests and some additional subjects as well. The difference is that the AP exams are usually given after a year of study in an AP course in high school, and these exams may be used to earn college credit. The AP exams must be ordered and administered through the student's high school. For information call: 609/771-7300 or 888/225-5427, or e-mail: apexams@info.collegeboard.org. **Students who take an AP course should also take the AP exam.** Credit is granted *only* to those who have earned the required score on the AP exam. Students who score a 3 or higher on a foreign language AP exam earn credit and meet the general education foreign language requirement. (See reverse side for score requirements.)

International Baccalaureate (IB)—<http://www.ibo.org>

The International Baccalaureate program is an advanced secondary school program available to secondary students throughout the world. It is strongly liberal arts in nature and offers a certificate for each course completed as well as a diploma representing completion of seven courses. Students may earn general education credits by scoring 5 or above on an IB exam, with department approval. With a score of 4, a student may petition a department for advanced placement and/or waiver of a course requirement.

WHEATON COLLEGE

General Education Requirements	Testing Program	Test Name	Score	Credit Hours Granted	Requirement Completed?	Hrs Needed to Complete Requirement	Wheaton's Course(s) Normally Taken to Complete Requirement
Foreign Language Competency (Pass dept. exam) Requirement must be completed by end of Junior year	SAT Subject	French	580+	4	Yes	0	Requirement met
		German	450-570	0	No	0 to 4	Pass competency exam (0) or take 201 and pass final exam (4)
		Spanish	Below 450*	0	No	8	Take 103 and 201 and pass final exam
		Latin	580+ 440-570	4 0	Yes No	0 0 to 4	Requirement met Pass competency exam (0) or take 201 pass final exam (4)
			Below 440*	0	No	8	Take 102 and 201 and pass final exam
		Hebrew	500+ 440-490	4 0	Yes No	0 0 to 4	Requirement met Pass competency (0) or take 401 and pass final exam (4)
		Below 440*	0	No	8	Take 302 and 401 and pass final exam	
	Chinese	500+ 440-490	4 0	Yes No	0 0 to 4	Requirement met Pass competency (0) or take 201 and pass final exam (4)	
		Below 440*	0	No	8	102 or 130 and 201 and pass final exam	
	Other Languages	500+	4	Yes	0	Requirement met	
*or studied only 2 years of the language in high school							
AP	Any Language	4 or 5	8	Yes	0	Requirement met	
		3	4	Yes	0	Requirement met	
	French, German, Latin, Spanish	1 or 2	0	No	4 to 12	Take placement test during orientation	
IB	Any Language	Higher Level	5, 6 or 7	6	Yes	0	Requirement met
		Standard Level	5, 6 or 7	4	Yes	0	Requirement met
Writing Competency Must complete by end of Sophomore year	ACT	Writing	10+	0	No	2	ENGW 104
		Subscore	Below 10	0	No	4	ENGW 103
	SAT	Essay	10+	0	No	2	ENGW 104
	Subscore	Below 10	0	No	4	ENGW 103	
AP	Lang/Comp	4 or 5	4	Yes	0	Requirement met	
		3	2	No	2	ENGW 104	
Quantitative Skills Competency (Pass dept. exam)	AP	Calculus AB	4 or 5	4	Yes	0	Requirement met
			3	2	Yes	0	Requirement met
		Calculus BC	5	6	Yes	0	Requirement met
			3 or 4	4	Yes	0	Requirement met
		2	2	Yes	0	Requirement met	
IB	Mathematics HL	5, 6 or 7	6	Yes	0	Requirement met	
World History (4 hours)	AP	World History	4 or 5	4	Yes	0	Requirement met
			3	2	No	2	HIST 131
Social Science (8 hours)	AP	Microecon.	4 or 5	4	No	4	**
		Psychology	4 or 5	4	No	4	**
		Comp Politics	4 or 5	4	No	4	**
		US Govt	4 or 5	4	No	4	**
		**See Wheaton catalog for explanation of requirement					
Literature (4 hours)	SAT Subject	Literature	660+	0	No	2	Any 2-hr lit course, except 326 or 327
			Below 660	0	No	4	Any 4-hr lit course, except 326 or 327
AP	Lit/Comp	4 or 5	4	Yes	0	Requirement met	
		3	2	No	2	Any 2-hr lit course, except 326 or 327	
Natural Science (8 hours)	SAT Subject	Biology:Ecology	630+	0	No	6	***
		Biology:Molecular	Below 630	0	No	8	***
		Physics					
		Chemistry					
	AP	Biology	4 or 5	4	No	4	***
		Physics B	4 or 5	4	No	4	***
		Phys C:Mech	4 or 5	3	No	5	***
		Phys C:EI&Mag	4 or 5	2	No	6	***
		Chemistry	3, 4 or 5	4	No	4	***
		Environ Sci	4 or 5	4	No	4	***
***See Wheaton catalog for explanation of requirement. Gen ed lab credit given for Biology, Physics B, Physics C:Mech, Chemistry, and Environmental Science. Partial lab credit for Physics C:EI&Mag. (Credit awarded for Physics B or C, not both.)							
Fine Arts (2 hrs Art) (2 hrs Music)	AP	Art History	4 or 5	2	Yes	0	Art requirement met.
Elective Credit	AP	Art: Studio	4 or 5	0	See Art Dept. for recommendation		
		Comp Sci A	5	4			
		Comp Sci AB	4 or 5	4			
		European Hist	4 or 5	4			
		Human Geography	4 or 5	4			
			3	2			
		Macroecon.	4 or 5	4			
		Music Theory	3, 4 or 5	4	Non-Conservatory students only		
		Statistics	4 or 5	4			
		U S History	4 or 5	4			
IB	Various			Contact Registrar's Office about specific exams possibly meeting a general education requirement.			
	Higher Level	5, 6 or 7	6				
	Standard Level	5, 6 or 7	4				

See COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS panel on the reverse side for an explanation of additional requirements.