TESTING CENTER

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The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Testing Center provides a variety of services to UNO students, faculty and staff. These services extend into the Omaha community and beyond to persons needing testing related assistance. The types of services include university placement exams, certification/licensure exams, online distance education exams, admission exams, proficiency exams, national exams, career assessments, personality indicators, departmental challenge exams, correspondence exams and testing accommodations for students with disabilities. The Testing Center will also consider special requests associated with individual needs. For more information regarding testing services, please contact:

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402.554.4800
testingcenter.unomaha.edu (http://testingcenter.unomaha.edu/)

National Exams

The Testing Center may be able to provide information for many nationally administered exams including computer-based testing for Educational Testing Service exams. Among exams offered are the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), PRAXIS series exams, Law School Admission Test (LSAT), ACT Assessment, Miller Analogies Test (MAT), Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Test of English for International Communications (TOEIC), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), DSST exams formerly known as DANTES Subject Standardized Tests, NCAA Coaches Certification Exam, Major Field Test (MFT), and many other certification/licensure exams.

Placement Exams

Placement exams include the English Placement Proficiency Exam (EPPE), Math Placement Exam, French Placement Exam (FPE), and the Spanish Placement Exam (SPE).

English Placement

The English Placement/Proficiency Exam (EPPE) is required for undergraduate students (first-time freshmen and transfer students) and international students, including some applying for graduate studies. Students should check with their UNO academic advisor to see whether they are exempt from taking the EPPE. The EPPE is a 90-minute essay. Examinees should allow approximately two hours for an exam session. A student may take the EPPE twice in a calendar year.

Chemistry Placement

Entrance into CHEM 1180 General Chemistry I depends on a student’s ACT or SAT Math Sub-Score or their score on the Math Placement Exam. CHEM 1180 placement is determined according to the following criteria.

ACT Math Sub-Score – 25+

SAT Math Sub-Score Placement of 570+ (590+ for 2012-2016 scores)
OR
Math Exam Score – 6 with placement into:

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<td>MATH 1220</td>
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<td>MATH 1320</td>
<td>PRE-CALCULUS ALGEBRA</td>
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<td>MATH 1330</td>
<td>TRIGONOMETRY</td>
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<td>MATH 1340</td>
<td>ALGEBRA AND TRIGONOMETRY FOR CALCULUS</td>
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Math Exam Score - 7 with placement into:

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<td>MATH 1370</td>
<td>APPLIED ALGEBRA AND OPTIMIZATION WITH DATA ANALYSIS</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>STAT 1530</td>
<td>ELEMENTARY STATISTICS</td>
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<td>MATH 1930</td>
<td>CALCULUS FOR THE MANAGERIAL, LIFE, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES</td>
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<td>MATH 1940</td>
<td>CALCULUS FOR BIOMEDICINE</td>
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Math Exam Score - 8 with placement into:

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<td>MATH 1950</td>
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A student may challenge their ACT or SAT Math Sub-Score placement by taking the Math Placement Exam. The exam must be taken before the opening of enrollment for the term in which CHEM 1180 is to be taken. Math Placement scores within the last two years are acceptable for placement into CHEM 1180.

Alternative CHEM 1180 Criteria:

Math Exam Placement above or completion of MATH 1320 or MATH 1340 (with a C- or greater)
OR Completion of CHEM 1120 (with a B- or greater)
OR Completion of CHEM 1140 (with a C- or greater)

Please refer to the Math Placement section for additional information on the Math Placement exams.

Math Placement

Entrance into certain Math courses is contingent on a student’s ACT or SAT Math Sub-Score, or their score on the Math Placement Exam. Placement is determined according to the following criteria.

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<th>ACT Math Sub-Score</th>
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<td>0-18</td>
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The Math Placement Exam is an adaptive, computer-based test and is untimed. A two to five-hour testing window is scheduled which includes check-in, instructions, testing, and check-out. An on-screen calculator is available during the exam, therefore personal calculators are not allowed. A student may take the Math Placement Exam twice in a two-year period. ACT or SAT Math Sub-Score placement is valid for five years after the test date. Math Placement Exam results are valid for two years.

Foreign Language Placement

French and Spanish placement is required for any student with prior language experience who wants to enroll in their first UNO French or Spanish course. Native speakers should contact a French or Spanish advisor in the Foreign Language Department for permission to enroll. A student with no prior French or Spanish experience does not need to take a placement exam. A student who is placed into French or Spanish at the 1120-level or higher may be eligible for retroactive credit for UNO courses they test out of. The student must earn a final course grade of “C” or better in the course they are placed into in order to receive retroactive credit.

Both exams include a short listening comprehension section; a written section; and a short composition section. Exam time is one hour and 30 minutes, not including check-in, instructions, and check-out. Examinees should allow approximately two hours for an exam session. A retest is not permitted less than one year after the prior test. Results are valid for one year.

Accommodated Testing

The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) supports students with disabilities and encourages their full participation in all academic programs, including field placements of all kinds. “Field placements” for the purpose of this document include any practicum, field experience, clinical practice, internship, training, clinic, or work experiences (or similar) conducted for academic credit. In accordance with Section II of the Americans Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, UNO’s Accessibility Services Center is the designated office to work with students with disabilities to provide reasonable accommodation so they may enjoy the same benefits, experiences, and opportunities as persons without disabilities. For more information please visit the Accessibility Services Center website (https://www.unomaha.edu/student-life/inclusion/disability-services/).

Credit by Examination at UNO

Credit by Examination allows students the opportunity to gain academic credit for prior learning they have acquired by self-study or experience. Tests may be taken in many subject areas and credit may be earned by achieving acceptable scores on these tests. Benefits include saving tuition dollars and shortening the time it takes to earn a degree.

Two types of examinations may be taken for credit at UNO: The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and UNO’s Special Examination Program.

Many postsecondary institutions now offer credit on the basis of CLEP examinations annually. The CLEP exams include General Examinations and Subject Examinations. Both are designed to measure factual knowledge and understanding, problem-solving ability, and mastery of college-level, introductory course content in a wide range of disciplines.

UNO’s Special Examination procedure involves “challenging” one of the courses taught at this university by attempting a Departmental Examination. These examinations are constructed by the department for the purpose of measuring knowledge in a particular course being offered at UNO. Credit is granted for the course upon successful completion of the examination.

- An examination may not be attempted more than once.
- A student who has failed to earn credit in an attempted college course may not receive Credit by Examination in the same course. Neither will credit be granted to raise a grade earned in any course.
- A maximum of 30 hours Credit by Examination (the College of Business has a limit of 24 hours) may be applied toward graduation, e.g., CLEP, by Challenge, etc.
- Credits earned by examination may not be used as part of the terminal residency requirements, so you should check the requirements of your college.
- Students taking Departmental Examinations must be registered at UNO at the time they attempt the exam. (Registration is not required to take CLEP exams.) You must be a UNO student to have the credit applied to UNO.
- Students attempting Credit by Examination in courses in which they are currently enrolled must do so before they have completed one month of the course.
- Credit by examination will not be given for courses that are prerequisites for courses that the student has already earned credit. For exceptions, check with the department.
- Credit earned on a General Examination will be reduced by the amount of comparable credit already earned in the division.

The fee for each CLEP exam is $80.00, plus a separate nonrefundable service fee of $25.00. There is a $10.00 fee for optional essays. You must pay separately for each exam you take. CLEP exams and optional essays are free for military personnel with proper ID (the Center’s $25.00 fee is still required). There is a $25.00 charge for each Departmental Exam (Challenge Exam). In addition to the cost of taking the examinations, payment for recording hours earned through CLEP and Challenge Exams shall be assessed at the rate of one-half resident tuition per credit hour. The $25.00 fee for Departmental Exams is applied to the overall payment for credit earned. Visit the CLEP informational bulletin (http://clep.collegeboard.org/) for more details. (Fees are subject to change.)

Credit earned by examination will be recorded as “CR” on the transcript, and this credit will not be used in calculating grade point average.

If you need additional information or have any questions, feel free to stop by (522 KH) or call the Testing Center at 402.554.4800. Questions regarding Departmental Challenge Examinations other than those noted should be directed to the appropriate department.