

Spring 2017 Placement and Prerequisites Update

This document is intended to help address any questions regarding the departure of the COMPASS exam and the assessments that will be adopted in its place. The College of Southern Idaho English and Math Departments have chosen the assessments that will replace the COMPASS Exam, and are currently in the process of implementing the assessments with our IT Department and Testing Center. ALEKS will be CSI's new math assessment and The Write Class will be implemented for English placement. At this time, we do not have a timeframe of when these assessments will be live and available to students, but our departments are working diligently to quickly address the matter. We'll be working on pushing out additional information and links as soon as the final systems are in place.

Students do still have the option to take the COMPASS Exam up until Wednesday, November 30th. In order to take the COMPASS Exam, the student must have a CSI student ID number and provide a photo ID at the [CSI Testing Center](#). We can still use COMPASS Exam scores for placement for spring 2017 registration, even after the COMPASS Exam is no longer available on campus.

In the meantime, students seeking Math placement can still utilize ACT/SAT scores, and the Math Department has also incorporated a new high school GPA element that might help bolster a student's Math placement. You can find Math Placement information online [here](#).

The English Department will continue to utilize COMPASS Exam, ACT and SAT scores for spring 2017 placement and you can find our English placement chart online [here](#). All students will need to take The Write Class Assessment to place into English coursework for fall 2017 registration and beyond; ACT/SAT scores will no longer be the lone means for placement.

Please note that placement documentation will now need to be routed through the [CSI Office of the Registrar](#) for entry on student records. Placement scores must be submitted by a school official (counselor, registrar and/or teacher) and will need to be submitted via official means including electronic official transcripts with test dates, high school seal and appropriate signatures. Placement scores cannot be accepted directly from a student and/or their parent.

Placement documents can be submitted electronically to records@csi.edu. If you have further questions regarding placement documentation, you can also contact the CSI Office of the Registrar at 208-732-6795, Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm.