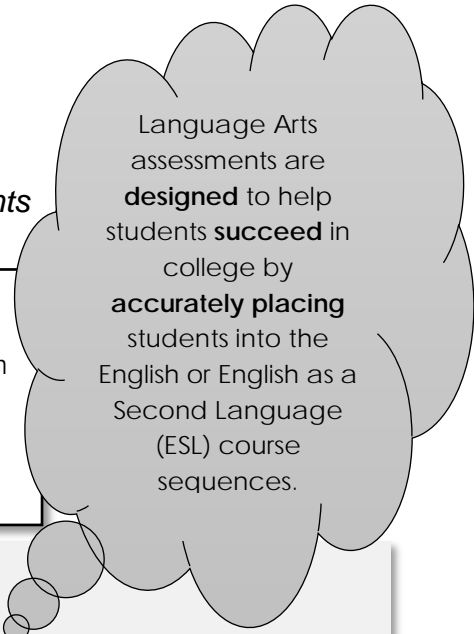


## Language Arts Placement Testing Information for *International Students*

### Language Arts Test Format & Composition

- Language Arts Computerized **Survey** to provide student with ESL or English test recommendation
- ✓ **ESL Test:** Handwritten Essay (30 minutes, timed) & Computerized CELSA test (1 hour, timed)
- ✓ **English Test:** Handwritten Essay (30 minutes, timed) & Computerized Accuplacer test (untimed)



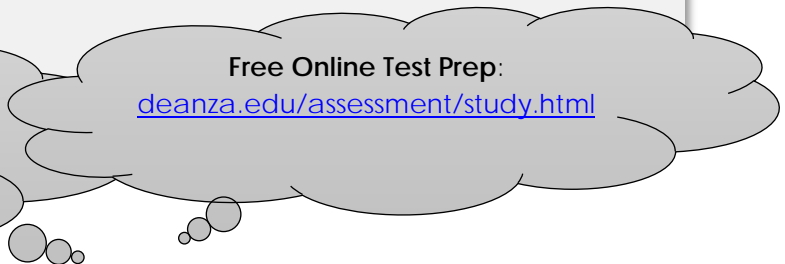
Language Arts assessments are **designed** to help students **succeed** in college by **accurately placing** students into the English or English as a Second Language (ESL) course sequences.

### Why ESL Classes Are the Best Option for ESL Learners

- Most ESL learners need to take ESL classes before English classes so that they can be successful in the English classes.
- You need a strong language foundation in order to be successful in college and your career (job). Native speakers already have this foundation. The best way to get this foundation is by taking ESL classes.
- ESL instructors have a Masters Degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Language.
- ESL instructors are trained to know what ESL learners need to be successful.
- ESL instructors use methods and materials specifically designed for ESL learners.
- ESL instructors teach grammar for non-native speakers. English instructors teach grammar for native speakers.
- College students know 10,000-15,000 vocabulary words. You need ESL classes to teach you the words native speakers already know.
- Only ESL has listening and speaking classes.
- The English sequence is not necessarily faster than the ESL sequence.
- If you place in classes below ESL 261, 262 and 263, it is because you need to learn the skills taught in those classes.
- ESL 261, 262 and 263 are low advanced classes. Classes below those are intermediate. English doesn't offer intermediate classes.
- If you fail an English class because you do not have the necessary skills, it will take you longer to complete the sequence because you will need to repeat the class.



ESL & English Course Sequences:  
[deanza.edu/assessment](http://deanza.edu/assessment)



Free Online Test Prep:  
[deanza.edu/assessment/study.html](http://deanza.edu/assessment/study.html)

## Optional Math Placement Testing for *International Students*

Any student can enroll directly into the below college level math courses:

- *Math 10: Statistics*
- *Math 11: Finite Math*
- *Math 44: Introduction to Contemporary Math*
- *Math 46: Mathematics for Elementary Education*

Students should consult their ISP counselor for math course select for specific majors and transfer patterns.

It is recommended that business, science, technology, engineering and math majors take the math placement tests for placement into Precalculus and Calculus.

Math Test Level	Possible Math Course Sequence Placement
Calculus Readiness Test	Math 1A: Calculus Math 43: Precalculus III: Advanced Topics
College Level Math Test	Math 42: Precalculus II Math 41: Math 41: Precalculus I
<b>Math Course Sequence:</b> <a href="http://deanza.edu/assessment/documents/math_sequence.pdf">deanza.edu/assessment/documents/math_sequence.pdf</a>	
<b>Math Placement Test Prep:</b> <a href="http://deanza.edu/assessment/study.html">deanza.edu/assessment/study.html</a>	

### **Math Test Format & Composition**

- Computerized tests (untimed).
- Adaptive format; Students *cannot* change submitted answers.
- 2 Math Test Levels -- Students choose starting level.
- Calculators will pop up on the computer, if allowable.

### **Strongly Recommended(!)**

Students should *preview the sample questions* to determine which math test level is most appropriate.

What is the polar coordinate representation of the rectangular coordinate equation given by  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ ? (**Calculus Readiness Test**)

If  $f(x) = 2x + 1$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x-1}{2}$  then  $f(g(x)) = ?$  (**College Level Math Test**)

**Upon level completion**  
 and score earned, you  
 will be...  
 Dropped to a lower level  
 -OR-  
 Asked to take the next  
 level up, if needed.