International Student Admissions and Advising

Test Scores or Exemptions

Math and English test scores are required for admission to Georgia Perimeter College. These requirements may be satisfied by SAT, ACT, or COMPASS scores or transferable Math and English college credit. Applicants who are outside the United States are strongly encouraged to take ACT or SAT to satisfy testing requirements prior to arrival in the United States to gain full admission before arriving to Georgia Perimeter College.*

- **English/Reading** – All entering students whose native language is English**,must have an SAT Verbal/Critical Reading score of 480 or ACT English score of 20 or the equivalent of ENGL 1101 (English Composition) from a US college or university awarded as transfer credit at Georgia Perimeter College. Alternately, students may meet English and Reading requirements by taking COMPASS English (writing) and Reading. The USG minimum required COMPASS score in English (writing) is 32 and in Reading is 62. ** A list of countries considered English speaking is located under the section entitled “Proof of English Language Proficiency”.

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ESL (English as Second Language) COMPASS Placement Test – All entering students who were educated in a secondary school in a non-English speaking country AND who do not have the equivalent of ENGL 1101 (English Composition) from a US college or university applied as transfer credit or who score below 550 on the paper based TOEFL (79 IBT) must take the ESL COMPASS test for class placement instead of the COMPASS English/Reading Test.

Mon-native English speakers are admissible with a minimum SAT Verbal score of 330 or ACT English score of 12, but they will satisfy the English language proficiency requirement for non-native English speakers.

US high schools graduates: ESL COMPASS testing is required if ESOL courses are listed on the transcript or is determined to be required by a combined review of academic credentials and information provided on the application. Applicants who are in or have completed high school in the US should go to [http://admissions.gpc.edu/wizard](http://admissions.gpc.edu/wizard) for additional guidance about placement tests needed to satisfy admissions requirements at Georgia Perimeter College.

- **Math** – All entering students without transferable Math credits or without an SAT Math score of 500 or ACT Math score of 21 are required to take COMPASS Math before advisement and registration. The USG minimum required COMPASS score in Math (algebra) is 20.

*Applicants outside the US who have not satisfied all testing requirements prior to arrival in the US will be required to take COMPASS upon arrival in the US. Practice tests are available online at [http://testing.gpc.edu/compass/materials.htm](http://testing.gpc.edu/compass/materials.htm). Those who do not meet the minimum required COMPASS scores may be eligible to retest. Please review the COMPASS Retest Policy at [http://admissions.gpc.edu/fall12hsc/retest_policy.html](http://admissions.gpc.edu/fall12hsc/retest_policy.html) for details about eligibility for COMPASS retesting.

Students who do not achieve minimum scores on the retest will be advised to gain admission to another institution such as a technical school or English Language Program. While Georgia Perimeter College may advise and assist students in making these arrangements, the cost of attending another school will be the applicants’ responsibility.

Please Note: Students who score less than 20 on COMPASS Math, regardless of English scores, are inadmissible.