

Directed Self Placement

Name _____

Date _____

These questions are intended to aid you in selecting an English composition class that meets your needs. In addition to this initial placement you will be asked to provide an impromptu sample of your writing on the first day of your composition class and, should the faculty determine that you have not placed yourself accurately, you will be advised to move to a class more appropriate to your writing skills level.

Do not write anything in the first three items below or in the boxes which are colored gray.

SAT/ACT score _____

High School Rank _____

COMPASS Reading Score _____

Points

1. On a scale of 1 to 4, how would you rank your preparedness for college writing? (1 is poorly prepared; 4 is well-prepared.)

2. Choose **ONE** sentence below that best describes your feelings about writing and place the appropriate point value in the square.

I hate to write because I'm not good at it.	1
I hate to write but do it fairly well.	2
I don't mind writing, but I'm not good at it.	2
I consider myself an average writer who gets the job done.	3
I am a capable writer who doesn't mind writing.	4
I am a capable writer who enjoys writing.	5

3. If you are a very good editor and rarely make mistakes in grammar, spelling and/or punctuation give yourself 3
 If you are an average editor and make some mistakes in grammar, spelling and/or punctuation give yourself 2
 If you have a difficult time with grammar, spelling, and/or punctuation, give yourself 1

4. If you usually only read when certain reading is required, give yourself 1
 If you read newspapers, magazines, and books occasionally, give yourself 2
 If you read newspapers, magazines, and books regularly, give yourself 3

5. If you have not used computers to draft and revise written work, give yourself 1
 If you have used computers to draft and revise written work, give yourself 2

6. If you regularly wrote essays in high school, give yourself 3
 If you sometimes wrote essays in high school, give yourself 2
 If you rarely wrote essays in high school, give yourself 1

Suggested placement

25 – 31	W131
16 – 24	W130 Stretch
Below 16	W031