Shippensburg University -- Placement Testing

Options for Students Placed into Developmental Level in Reading

Based on your SAT scores, you will need to complete a Developmental Reading course. Because reading is so important to college success, all students are encouraged to resolve this developmental placement BEFORE arriving on campus in August.

If you chose not to take a necessary Developmental Reading course before starting at Ship, your first semester schedule will be restricted to 9 college level credits. Essentially, **you will be a semester behind.** Please note that **developmental courses do not count toward graduation.**

You have two objectives, one short-term and one long-term. Your short-term objective is to move beyond the developmental reading level as soon as you can. Your long-term objective is to improve your reading comprehension and speed so that you can master the reading requirements of a university education.

You have three options:

1. For students placing into Developmental Reading we strongly encourage completing a summer developmental reading course offered through Shippensburg University. Please visit **www.ship.edu/summer** to view available summer course and registration information.

2. A developmental placement may also be satisfied via coursework during the summer at a local community college. For a list of comparable courses available at other colleges, please consult the following page or check the placement testing website (www.ship.edu/testing). **Remember, you must pass a reading class with a minimum grade of "C."**
    a. If you take a course at another institution, you must:
        i. Check with the Placement Testing Office before you schedule a course at a community college.
        ii. Complete a **Placement Test Transcript Request Form** found on the placement testing website. This enables the testing office to send the needed documentation to the appropriate college official where you are scheduling this course.
        iii. Send an official transcript to Ship's Admissions office once the course has been successfully completed.

3. If you wish to challenge your placement into Developmental Reading, you can do so by taking the Nelson Denny Reading Test at Shippensburg University (see our website for further test information).
    a. You can only take the Nelson Denny Reading Test at Shippensburg University. Alternate testing sites are not an option for this test.
    b. If you decide to challenge your placement scores and take the Nelson Denny Reading Test, it is **strongly recommended that you also obtain reading tutoring prior to the test**.

The Placement Testing website (**www.ship.edu/testing**) offers additional information on Developmental Reading placement. See the **Testing Overview** tab and the **Options Based on Placement** tab for information regarding options for remediation and online summer course registration information. If you are considering taking the Developmental Reading Placement Challenge Test (the Nelson Denny Reading Test), see the **Placement Testing Review** tab for resources to help you prepare.

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Developmental Reading Equivalent Courses at Other Institutions

If your local college is not listed below or the course numbering is different, please contact the Placement Testing Office to verify your course selection. **Course numbers and content are subject to change. To ensure that you are taking the appropriate course, you should always contact the Placement Testing Office at 717-477-1395**.

Pennsylvania:

Community College of Beaver County	Improvement of Reading (DEVS 012)
Bucks County Community College	College Reading & Study Skills (READ 110)
Butler County Community College	Advancing Reading Skills (RD 114)
Community College of Allegheny County	Adv. College Reading and Study Skills (DVS 103)
Community College of Philadelphia	Reading Improvement (ENGL 099)
Delaware County Community College	Reading II (REA 050)
Harrisburg Area Community College	Strategy Based Reading III (ENGL 003)
Lackawanna College	Reading for College (DEV 020)
Lehigh Carbon Community College	Basic Skills Reading (RSS 099)
Luzerne County Community College	College Reading and Study Skills (RDG 020)
Montgomery County Community College	Fundamentals of College Reading (REA 011)
Northampton Community College	Critical Reading (READ 017)
Reading Area Community College	Basics of College Reading (COM 021)

Delaware:

Delaware Technical Community College	Basic Reading (RDG 005)

New Jersey:

Camden County College	Reading Skills I, II, III (ENG 011,012,013)*
Middlesex Community College	Preparation for College Reading (ENG 050)
Morris County Community College	Learning Techniques (ACS 103)
Ocean County College	Reading & Writing I (ENGL-091)
Raritan Valley Community College	Intro to College Reading & Comp II (ENGL 060)*

New York:

Broome Community College	College Preparatory Reading (RDG 092)
Suffolk Community College	Introduction to College Reading (RE09)

Maryland:

Allegany College of Maryland	Comprehensive Reading II (READ 093)
Anne Arundel Community College	Participatory College Reading (RDG 027)
Carroll County Community College	Basic Reading (READ 091)
Cecil County Community College	Integrated Reading and Writing Level I (EGL 092)
College of Southern Maryland	Analytical Reading and Reasoning (RDG 0800)
Community College of Baltimore County	College Reading (RDNG 052)
Frederick Community College	Effective College Reading II (EN 52) 4 credits
Hagerstown Community	Writing Essentials (ENG 099)
Harford County Community College	Reading and Understanding College Textbooks (ENG 003)
Howard County Community College	Fundamentals of Academic Reading (ENGL-096)
Montgomery College	College Reading Skills I, II (RD 095 or 099)
Wor Wic Community College	College Reading (ENG 095)

Virginia:

Northern Virginia CC	Reading Improvement II (ENG 005)

* Contact the Placement Testing Office

The following course description of the RDG 050: Developmental Reading and Study Skills course at Shippensburg University may be helpful in locating an appropriate course if you tested at the developmental level.

This course is designed to aid the student in mastery of reading and study skills necessary for success in nearly all academic fields. Individual attention will be given to areas needing improvement in reading efficiency and flexibility, vocabulary, comprehension of specific types of content materials, outlining, test-taking, note-taking, and allied activities. All work will be based on careful diagnosis of strengths and weaknesses.

These developmental classes do not count toward graduation.