Greetings from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences!

This letter is designed to help you understand your placement test results. As a new first-year student, you were required to take Pre-enrollment Evaluation Placement tests. Your test results are listed on your Educational Performance Profile available in UIC Connect. During your Orientation program, your LAS academic advisor will explain the various courses, as well as the different math tracks students may follow. Brief descriptions are included below in order to prepare you for your advising session at Orientation.

**Math Test Results:** Possible placements include:
- MATH 075 (Beginning Algebra) or MATH 090 (Intermediate Algebra) and concurrent enrollment in MATH 088 (Intermediate Algebra Workshop)
- MATH 090 (Intermediate Algebra) or MATH 118 (Mathematical Reasoning)
- MATH 110 (College Algebra)
- MATH 121 (Pre calculus) or STAT 101 (Introduction to Statistics)
- MATH 170 (Calculus for the Life Sciences) or STAT 130 (Introduction to Statistics for the Life Sciences)
- MATH 180 (Calculus I) = Quantitative Reasoning Requirement Satisfied

MATH 075, 088, and 090 do not carry graduation credit but do count toward full-time student status.

MATH 118 or MATH 090 is the prerequisite course for statistics courses required for social science majors. MATH 118 is not recommended for natural science majors or students pursuing most pre-health educational goals.

MATH 170 is appropriate for students for whom Calculus is their last math class. It is specifically designed for Biology majors.

If you are not satisfied with your placement score and wish to retest you will have free access to the required ALEKS Learning Module and up to four free retakes. Five hours of work on a learning module are required before each retake and 72 hours must pass before having access to each retake. The highest placement is MATH 180.

**Academic Writing Test Results:** Possible placements include:
- ENGL 060 (English as a Second Language)
- ENGL 070 (Introduction to Academic Writing for the Nonnative Speakers of English)
- ENGL 071 (Introduction to Academic Writing)
- ENGL 160 (Academic Writing I)
- ENGL 161 (Academic Writing II)

ENGL 060, 070 and 071 do not carry graduation credit but do count toward full-time student status.

If you have an ACT subscore in English of 27 or higher, you will receive a waiver of ENGL 160 and three semester hours of credit. You will be required to enroll in ENGL 161.

**Physics Test Results:** Possible placements include:
- 100 (Preparatory Physics)
- 141 (General Physics I-Mechanics)

Algebra-based physics (PHYS 105/106, 107/108) is most commonly taken and doesn’t require a placement test.
Chemistry Test Results: Possible placements include-

- Postpone Chemistry until passing a Mathematics course. Then retake Chemistry test.
- CHEM 101 (Preparatory Chemistry)
- CHEM 122/123 (General College Chemistry I with lab- both courses must be taken together)
- CHEM 116 (Honors and Majors General and Analytical Chemistry I)

Note: Chemistry is not a required course for most majors.

CHEM 101 is taken by students with a pre-health educational goal or majoring in a natural science. Students who place into this course are required to complete it before enrolling in General College Chemistry (CHEM 122/123).

It is strongly advised that students who place into MATH 075 complete that course successfully before enrolling in CHEM 101, 122/123, or higher. It is also strongly advised that students who place into MATH 090 complete that course successfully before enrolling in CHEM 122/123 or higher. Students majoring in chemistry may fulfill their requirement for general chemistry with either CHEM 122/123 or with CHEM 116, but if placement is appropriate the latter course is recommended.

Foreign Language Test Results: Possible placements include-

- 101 (Elementary Language I)
- 102 (Elementary Language II)
- 103 (Intermediate I) or (Elementary Language III)
- 104 (Intermediate II) or (Topics in Language and Culture)
- SPAN 113 (Spanish for Bilinguals I)
- SPAN 114 (Spanish for Bilinguals II)

Completion of Intermediate II (104) or Bilingual II (SPAN 114) is required to satisfy the Foreign Language Requirement.

More information about the foreign language requirement can be found here: [http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/](http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/).

If you took an AP exam in any of these areas, you may have earned university credit and be able to take the next level class in that discipline. Please visit [http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/degree-programs/academic-standing/](http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/degree-programs/academic-standing/) for additional information, and consult your LAS academic advisor at Orientation regarding the appropriate course(s) to take at UIC.

If you are having trouble with or difficulty accessing any of your online placement tests, please submit a Help Ticket through the placement testing portlet in my.UIC.edu portal.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this information, your LAS academic advisor will be happy to assist you during your Orientation Program. We are unable to answer phone calls or meet with you prior to Orientation, but we look forward to meeting you then. Please do not contact the Office of Testing Services with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center