

If you do not meet one of the TSI exemptions and want to take academic coursework you must take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment before you enroll in coursework.

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment is:

- mandatory for all public colleges and universities in Texas
- required by the State of Texas to measure your ability to read, write, and do math at a college level
- a computerized test consisting of a multiple choice exam as well as a writing sample- you will receive your results as soon as you finish the exam
- will provide you a multipage print out so that you can see in what areas you did well and in what areas you did poorly and will be requiring developmental class work

**For more information about the TSI Assessment
or to schedule a test**

contact the Vernon College Testing Centers

Vernon Campus 940-552-6291 x2317

Century City 940-696-8752 x3278

sshelton@vernoncollege.edu

Passing Scores for the TSI Assessment:

•Reading 351

•Math 350

•Writing 363 with an essay of 4

If you do not pass the placement test you can still attend college. You will be required to enroll in a developmental class each semester until you are considered college readiness clear.

If you do not take your developmental class you cannot take any other academic classes. A Vernon College counselor will make an

Individual Developmental Plan for you outlining exactly what classes you need to take.



Texas Success Initiative

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What does College Readiness Mean?

College Readiness is a term designated to indicate a student's ability to successfully enroll and progress in first year college level academic coursework.

College Readiness Clear or Not Clear—At Vernon College we use the term *Clear* to designate if a student has passed all 3 areas of the placement test or is exempt. We also use the term *Not Clear* if the student has not passed all 3 sections of the placement test and is required to take developmental coursework.

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Are there exemptions to taking the Texas Success Initiative Assessment?

The state approved exemptions to taking the test are listed below. If you believe you meet one of these exemptions please bring proof of the exemption to a Vernon College Counseling Office.

Exemptions using other tests:

Students who meet the following standards may be exempt from taking the TSI Assessment test if they have valid ACT, SAT, TAKS, or STAAR EOC scores. It is the student's responsibility to provide official scores to VC to qualify for an exemption prior to enrollment in any college-level courses and prior to expiration of those specific scores.

The minimum exemption standards for these tests are:

Name of Test	Composite Score	English/ Verbal Scores	Math Scores	Expiration Date from the date the test is taken
SAT <i>(before March 2016)</i>	Combined 1070	500 (Critical Reading score)	500	5 years
SAT <i>(after March 2016)</i>	none	480 Evidenced Based Reading & Writing	530	5 years
ACT	Composite 23	19	19	5 years
TAKS Exit Exam 11 th Grade	N/A	2200 with Writing Sub-score of 3	2200	5 years
STAAR EOC Permanent Exemption for HS grads	N/A	English III EOC exam-4000	Algebra II EOC exam-4000	5 years

Other Exemptions:

- Student who transfers to Vernon College from a private institution of higher education or an accredited out-of-state institution of higher education and who has satisfactorily completed college-level coursework will be exempt for portions of the TSI law if that coursework would have a prerequisite of reading, writing and/or math at Vernon College. A student may be partially TSI clear in reading and writing but not clear in math or vice versa.
- Previously graduated with an Associate or Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education
- Enrolling in a certificate program of 1 year or less (less than 42 semester credit hours)
- Student serving as active duty or active reserves in the US Armed Forces
- Student honorably discharged from Active Duty in the US Armed Forces after August 1, 1990 (student should provide a copy of a DD214)

If you are college readiness clear by one of these exemptions -

you may be advised by one of the Course Schedule Advisors in the CSA centers. CSA Centers are open on the Century City and Vernon Campuses. Dates and times for CSA centers are listed in the registration guide.