

**Accuplacer (Classic): Reading Comprehension and
Sentence Skills Exam - formerly Grammar
Proficiency Exam****What happened to the Grammar Proficiency Exam?**

As of December 31, 2018, the Grammar Proficiency Exam (GPE) has been retired and the University Testing Center (UTC) has successfully transitioned over to the Accuplacer (Classic): Reading Comprehension and Sentence Skills exam for the NSCM grammar proficiency requirement. When students arrive for their testing appointment, they will have the opportunity to complete both parts of the Accuplacer exam.

Who Must Pass the Exam?

Students planning to major in Advertising-Public Relations, Radio-Television or Journalism must meet the grammar proficiency requirement prior to applying to the major. Students planning to minor in Magazine Journalism must meet grammar proficiency as well. The grammar proficiency requirement is met through coursework (a “B” or better in **both** ENC 1101 and ENC 1102 is required for **Ad-PR and MPM** and an “A-“ or better in both ENC 1101 & ENC 1102 is required for **JOU**), or by qualifying test scores from AP, IB or CLEP credit. Students who have not met grammar proficiency through qualifying grades or test scores must pass the Accuplacer (Classic): Reading Comprehension and Sentence Skills Exam.

How Do You Take the Exam?

The Accuplacer (Classic): Reading Comprehension and Sentence Skills Exam is administered by the University Testing Center located in Howard Phillips Hall, Room 106. There is a \$36.00 fee to take the exam. **Exam registration and payment must be completed online at <http://www.registerblast.com/ucf/exam>.**

How is the Test Constructed?

Accuplacer is a computer placement test (CPT) that provides useful information about a student’s knowledge in the areas of elementary algebra, reading comprehension, and writing (sentence) skills. Accuplacer tests are computerized and multiple choice. The number of questions varies depending on which Accuplacer test is taken. There could be as few as 12 questions or as many as 40. Although Accuplacer tests are untimed, 45-minutes per test is recommended. For grammar proficiency, you will be tested on reading comprehension and writing (sentence) skills.

Upon completion of the exam, students will receive a printed unofficial copy of their scores. Scores from the Accuplacer test will be provided to the NSCM Advising Office once per week. **In order to pass the exam, students must score an 83 or higher on both exams (reading comprehension and writing sentence skills).**

To prepare, students can use the ACCUPLACER web-based study app. It features practice tests in each test subject. It is accessible from most devices with internet access, and will help you become familiar with the content and format of the ACCUPLACER test questions. For more information visit the University Testing Center website: <http://utc.sdes.ucf.edu/accuplacer>.

Re-Test Policy:

If the exam is not passed on the first attempt, students may enroll in a remediation writing course. Students should consult with the Nicholson School of Communication and Media for a list of acceptable remediation courses. If the remediation course is completed with a “B” grade or higher, then it is not necessary to retake the exam. If the remediation course is completed with a “B-” grade or lower, then the student may opt to retake the exam. Students have a maximum of two (2) attempts on the Accuplacer Exam. Students should consult with their Academic Success Coach by making an appointment on myKnight Star or reaching out to COSAS@ucf.edu for questions about grammar proficiency requirements of limited access majors within the school.

NOTE:

YOU CANNOT REPEAT THE EXAM AT THE UNIVERSITY TESTING CENTER UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED REMEDIATION. REMEDIATION IS COMPLETION OF LIN 3673 OR ENC 3250. IF YOU COMPLETE LIN 3673 OR ENC 3250 WITH A “B” OR BETTER, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REPEAT THE EXAM.

The grammar proficiency requirement must be met on or before the deadline for which you are applying for admission to the Ad-PR, R-TV or Journalism majors.

Students will not be allowed to enroll in any courses for which grammar proficiency is a pre-requisite. These courses include: JOU 2100C.

The Nicholson School of Communication and Media will not accept any other tests (except for AP and IB) or courses as substitutes for the grammar requirement.