

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE TAKING THE COMPASS PLACEMENT TEST

1. TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES.
2. When checking in, show your picture ID and UH Number to the proctor. You will be handed scratch paper with your test information (and a pencil, if needed). Check the scratch paper and make sure your UH number is written correctly.
3. The clerk will enter your UH number and last name into COMPASS. Make sure that your UH number is entered correctly. If there are mistakes, let the proctor know immediately.
4. Read ALL directions carefully and follow them. If something does not seem to be working the way you expect it or if you are not sure what to do, READ THE DIRECTIONS. If you are still not sure, ASK THE PROCTOR FOR HELP.
5. The COMPASS tests have no time limits. The average time to complete the math, reading, and writing section is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours.
6. Take your time and focus on the test. This test will determine your correct Math and English placement levels. Your placement will also determine what other courses you are qualified to take.
 - a. For the math test, YOU will choose your initial starting level: Pre-Algebra (easy), Algebra (medium), College Algebra (more difficult).
 - If you have previously taken courses in Algebra III, Pre-calculus, or Calculus, consider starting at the more difficult section.
 - If you have previously taken courses in Algebra I or II, consider starting at the medium (algebra) section.
 - Otherwise, start at the easy (basic math/pre-algebra) level.

Even if you believe you chose the "wrong" level (there is no wrong level), the COMPASS is an adaptive test and will adjust itself as you respond to the problems. Your answers to the math problems determines your placement, NOT the level you choose. However, choosing the starting level that best suits your abilities may help you save time and energy.
 - b. When taking the Reading & Writing sections, please read the passages carefully before answering the questions.
7. When the test is complete, the screen will say **STOP**. DO NOT GO ON. Please go outside for your results.