



# Read, Evaluate, Attend to Detail, Plan for Success

## TEST PREPARATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

*Read, complete, and bring this required form to International Student Check-In and to Assessment Testing*

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Last Name (Family Name)

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First Name

SBCC Student I.D. #: **K** \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM, DD, YYYY): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

*Santa Barbara City College offers two English tests and four math tests for placement into English and math courses. You are responsible for choosing which tests you take. The information on this form will help you select an appropriate English and math test and prepare for Assessment at Santa Barbara City College.*

### ENGLISH:

You will need to make a careful decision about which English test you take. The **Advanced Test** is for native English speakers or very advanced second language students whose English proficiency is at a near-native level. The **Standard Test** is for all other students. Both tests evaluate your reading, grammar and writing skills and include a 20-minute essay. Either test can place you into Second Language or regular English classes. (A high score on the Standard Test can place you into regular English classes. A low score on the Advanced Test can place you into English-as-a-Second-Language classes). Download the sample questions for the Advanced Test from the Assessment website, [sbcc.edu/assessment](http://sbcc.edu/assessment). If the Advanced Test questions are too difficult, you should choose the Standard English Test. Note: questions on the Standard Test become more difficult as the test progresses.

Select one test:

- Standard English Test** (for most International students)
- Advanced English Test** (for native English speakers or very advanced second language students)

### MATH:

If you are taking the Math Assessment you will need to choose which **one** of the four math tests is appropriate for you. Download the sample tests from the Assessment website, [sbcc.edu/assessment](http://sbcc.edu/assessment) and work out the problems.\* Choose the highest numbered test that matches both your math background and current skills. **Select the test you are ready to take, below** or indicate that you have completed the Math Test Waiver (available at International Student Department):

- Test #1**
- Test #2**
- Test #3**
- Test #4**
- Completed Math Test Waiver**

\*If you need additional math review you may purchase a more extensive study packet for the test you plan to take from the College bookstore (805) 963-4661. If you are taking Math Test #3 or #4 you may take an online pretest at <http://mdtp.ucsd.edu/onlinetests.shtml> to measure your strengths and weaknesses prior to taking the Santa Barbara City College math placement exam.

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