English Language Placement Exam (ELPE)
Undergraduate Information
Fall, 2015
UC Entry Level Writing Requirement

“All students entering UC as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing Requirement”

UC Office of the President
Who should take the ELPE

All entering international freshmen at UCSB must take the ELPE unless they have satisfied the ELWR by scoring:

- 30 or better on the ACT Combined/English writing test; or
- 680 or better on SAT Reasoning Test, Writing section or
- 3 or above on AP Examination in English; or
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- 5 or above on International Baccalaureate High Level English A exam or
- 6 or above on an International Baccalaureate Standard Level English A exam or
- if you have taken the AWPE, a passing score of 4, 5 or 6
ELPE Format

- You will read a passage (about one page and a half) and respond to a prompt based on the passage
- You will have two hours to complete the exam
- In responding, you should use an academic essay (not informal) style
ELPE Evaluation

Your essay will be evaluated on the following:

- organization
- development (appropriate response to the writing prompt)
- appropriate vocabulary
- grammatical accuracy
ELPE Date/Time/Place

Time: Friday, September 18th
9:00 a.m. - noon
(Please arrive between 8:30-8:40 for ID check & seating)

Place: Chemistry 1179
What to bring to the ELPE

- Photo ID (UCSB ID, passport, driver’s license)
- Your perm number
- Pen or pencil (either is fine)

(Please note: Dictionaries are not permitted for this exam)
ELPE Placements

Linguistics 3A – Academic English
Linguistics 3B - Academic English
Linguistics 3C - Academic English

* Linguistics 12 - Approaches to University Writing for Multilingual Students (parallel to Writing 1)

* Writing 1 – Approaches to University Writing
Writing 2 - Academic Writing

* Fulfills Entry Level Writing Requirement, needed for enrollment in Writing 2
ELPE Placements

Posted by perm number for written exams and completed oral exams

Place: 3rd floor South Hall – in the glass case between 3503 and 3505 (Look for English for Multilingual Students sign as you come down the hallway)

Times: By Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1:00 p.m.
Q: I signed up for the AWPE. Should I take the ELPE too?
A: No. If you are taking the AWPE, we will give you a placement from that exam.
Other Questions You May Have

Q: Could I cancel the AWPE I registered for and take the ELPE instead?

A: You should take the AWPE if you registered for that exam.
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