English Language Placement Exam (ELPE) Undergraduate Information Fall, 2019
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 English Language Arts test; or
- 680 or better on the SAT, Evidenced-based Reading and Writing – you must have taken the writing exam portion of the exam to fulfill ELWR at UCSB
- 3 or above on AP Examination in English; or
- 6 or above on an International Baccalaureate Standard Level English A exam or
- If you have taken the AWPE, a combined passing score of 8 or higher
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 Format

• Please note this exam is not the same as the SAT Evidence-based Writing Exam.

• Helpful Reminders:
  - Make sure you respond to the prompt questions.
    • This will often include asking you what you think of the writer’s views on a topic.
  - Please do not solely provide a rhetorical analysis and evaluation of the writer’s evidence.
    • Some discussion of evidence may be appropriate to the extent that it is relevant to the prompt questions.
ELPE Evaluation

Your essay will be evaluated on the following:

• organization
• development (appropriate response to the writing prompt questions)
• sentence structure appropriate to academic writing
• vocabulary use
• grammatical accuracy at sentence and discourse level
ELPE Date/Time/Place

Time:     Friday, September 20th
         9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
(Please arrive by 8:30 a.m. for ID check & seating)

Place:    Assigned by last/family name
          A-L: Chemistry 1179
          M-V: Buchanan 1940
          W-Z: Buchanan 1910
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

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

• Note: If your ELPE exam indicates that you may be eligible for Writing 2, we will contact you about taking the AWPE
ELPE Placements

• ELPE Placements will be officially recorded as a UCSB exam. To view your score you will need to log in to your GOLD account.

• **Progress** → **Major & GE Progress Checks** → **Course History**
ELPE Placements

- Recorded ELPE scores in GOLD will range from 1-7. These score codes are as follows:

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- ELPE scores will be recorded by the Registrar and are estimated to be available on GOLD no later than Wednesday, September 25th at 12:00 p.m. *

*Please monitor GOLD for your exam score*
Other Questions You May Have

Q: I signed up for the AWPE. Should I take the ELPE too?
A: No. If you are taking the AWPE, you will receive a placement in a writing course (EMS or Writing Program) 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 have already registered for that exam.
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