



Hello, new Antioch students!

On behalf of the Office of Academic Affairs, I welcome you to Antioch College. My name is Scott Millen and I am one of the biology professors and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Writing, mathematics, and non-english language skills will be the foundation of your academic journey here at Antioch; consequently, we use three assessments in these areas to determine which courses incoming students should take in their first year. It's not possible to fail these assessments, as they are just for us to gather information to help you choose your classes.

Writing assessment:

The writing assessment will be a short essay in response to a prompt. The prompt and instructions will be delivered to your Antioch College email account on Wednesday January 4th, 2023. The writing assessment can be completed on your own, but if you need access to a computer the library and the Writing Institute have computers available. Additionally, we will have faculty or staff in the Writing Institute at 8PM on Thursday January 5th if you need assistance. You may be exempt from the writing placement if you have transfer credits for English Composition from another college or university, ACT score of 29+ for English or 11+ for Writing, SAT score of 650+ on Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, or AP Language and Composition score of 4+. If any of these apply to you, have your official transcripts or scores sent to Antioch College.

Math assessment:

The Math assessment will take place on Friday January 6th from 1PM to 3PM in ASB 115, the Sciences Division computer lab. Antioch College uses ALEKS, an adaptive learning program, to provide computerized mathematics assessment. ALEKS has online review modules and practice tests, should you wish to review prior to your arrival on campus (instructions for ALEKS access will be sent to your Antioch email account).

Language assessment:

Language assessment will take place on Friday January 6th from 3PM to 5PM in ASB 115, the Sciences Division computer lab. The Language Faculty will be present to individually place students into the correct courses. Students without language experience will receive some information about our Language Program. Students with existing language experience will experience some reading and listening comprehension assessments, some speaking assessment, and potentially a brief writing assessment. All Antioch students are required to take a foreign language (unless you have an approved accommodation which is registered through our office of Student Success).

Accommodations

If you anticipate needing extra time or additional accommodations for one or all placement tests (or academic accommodations in general), please contact our [Student Success Services Coordinator, Jamin Kollasch](#).

Academic Program at Antioch College:

I will be discussing our Academic Program during Orientation. During this meeting, I will explain what a Self-Design Major (SDM) is, our degree requirements, our process to guide you through developing your major, as well as our academic policies and procedures. During orientation you will meet with your academic advisor to discuss your goals and interests, review your class choices or help you select courses if you need help, and help you register for classes. In preparation for our meeting and meeting with your advisor during Orientation, it might be helpful for you to explore our [Winter 2023 Course Offering Schedule](#) and the course descriptions in our [Course Catalog](#) or [Winter 2023 Special Course Descriptions](#) and identify courses that interest you. You can also start learning about our [Degree Requirements](#) if you are interested. Feel free to reach out to me by [email](#) at any time with any questions.

Please also consider joining staff from across the college during a live Q & A session on Tuesday, January, 2023 from 12pm-1pm EST. You can join the session [here](#).

I look forward to meeting you.

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