

Jefferson College
Advising & Retention Center
Reading Requirement for Course Placement

Beginning in Summer 2012, Jefferson College has instituted a Reading requirement to reflect Missouri's College Readiness Standards requirements.

Many courses now have a Reading pre-requisite that must be met in order to enroll in the course. The pre-requisite can be met in one of three ways:

- Have a placement test score (ACT Reading of 18 or higher, Compass Reading score of 81 or higher) within two years
- Have completed RDG 030 College Reading course with a grade of "C" or better
- Earned 12 or more college-level credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher

If a student has an ACT Reading test score below 18, they will be required to take the Compass Reading test for placement prior to enrolling in classes.

All first-time students are required to have ACT or Compass test scores within two years in order to register and enroll in courses.

Currently enrolled students must have Reading test scores within two years or have earned 12 or more college-level credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in order to meet the Reading requirement for course enrollments.

Returning or Transfer students must have test scores within two years or have earned 12 or more college-level credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in order to meet the Reading requirement for course enrollments. If their cumulative GPA is lower than 2.0, they will be required to take a Reading placement test prior to enrolling.

There are some courses that do not require reading, and therefore do not require a reading pre-requisite. There are also some courses that allow for a Reading co-requisite, which will allow students to enroll in RDG 030 College Reading concurrently with the course. Courses without a reading requirement and those allowing RDG 030 as a co-requisite are limited. It is recommended that students meet with an advisor to review test scores, requirements and available options.

Placement into RDG 030 is based on Compass Reading test scores. Students need a Reading test score between 62 – 80 in order to place into RDG 030. If a student has reading scores lower than 62, they will be required to take additional reading courses before enrolling in RDG 030.

