



## Self-Assessment Guide for ESL Placement into Fall 2020 courses.

Due to the COVID19 situation, we are not able to give placement tests. Instead, we are asking you to answer a few questions about your English ability to help determine your placement.

Your answers will help you determine a placement. However, if it becomes possible to give our placement test, we will ask you to take that test before the semester so that we can give you a more accurate placement. If it is not possible to give the placement test before the semester begins, instructors may give assessments during the first week of class. Based on those results, your instructor may make recommendations to change your level and/or class. Please contact the Counseling Department with any questions.

Use the following 3 statements to help you decide your ESL level for study.

Writing ability. Choose from 1 to 5.				
①	②	③	④	⑤
Beginner	←—————→			Advanced
<i>I cannot write in English.</i>				<i>I have strong writing skills in English.</i>
Reading ability. Choose from 1 to 5.				
①	②	③	④	⑤
Beginner	←—————→			Advanced
<i>I cannot read in English.</i>				<i>I have strong reading skills in English.</i>
Listening and speaking ability. Choose from 1 to 5.				
①	②	③	④	⑤
Beginner	←—————→			Advanced
<i>I cannot speak or understand much English.</i>				<i>I can speak and understand English very well.</i>

Use the numbers selected above to choose the best level for your learning. If you are in between levels, or chose different levels, use the number you selected for your writing ability to choose your class level.

①  
Beginner  
800

②  
High-Beginner  
510 or 810

③  
Intermediate  
520 or 820

④  
High-Intermediate  
530 or 830

⑤  
Advanced  
25

Register for classes in the above level. If you need help determining which class is right for you, please contact the Counseling Department at <https://www.sierracollege.edu/student-services/counseling/index.php#contact>.