

TDCJ TSI ASSESSMENTS

Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0

The Texas Assessment Initiative Assessment 2.0 (TSIA2) is the assessment instrument used to determine college readiness for non-exempt students, as required by the Texas Success Initiative. TSIA2 helps determine whether you are ready for college-level coursework in English language arts and reading (ELAR) and mathematics. These are foundational subjects for your other college coursework. The results of TSIA2, in conjunction with your academic background, goals, and interests, are used by academic advisers and counselors to place you in the appropriate courses that match your achievement level.

The tests in TSIA2 either certify you as "college ready" (or TSI-met/complete) in a subject area or provide a diagnostic profile regarding your academic strengths and weaknesses so that targeted instruction may be provided to help you succeed in college-level courses. TSIA2 contains multiple-choice questions aligned to Texas College and Career Readiness Standards, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, Adult Education and Literacy Content Standards 2.0, and National Reporting System Educational Functioning Levels.

The ELAR Test also contains an essay component you must complete to be considered college-ready in ELAR. TSIA2 produces a numeric scale score ranging from 910-990.

The assessments are untimed, which means there is no time limit on how long you can take to complete testing. Remember to allow yourself enough time to consider your answer to each question - your test results will be used by advisers in determining the course or courses in which you can enroll.

Unsatisfactory

A student whose performance is below the minimum passing standard set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for a tested skill area must participate in developmental education, a corequisite program in accordance with the servicing college's developmental policy. The corequisite studies program is intended to assist students in acquiring the essential skills needed to succeed in college. All students are expected to do their utmost to complete the corequisite and paired credit courses within one semester. Students may earn an A, B, C, D, or F in the paired courses. Grades of A, B, C, and D will result in the student being considered TSI complete.

For individual advisement regarding TSI policy as it applies to you, contact a TVCC enrollment coordinator via an I-60 "Offender Request to Official" form.

Satisfactory

Students scoring satisfactorily on all parts of the TSIA2 test will be allowed to matriculate through the college as described in this catalog.

REQUIRED INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT TESTS FOR VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Windham School System will administer the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) regularly throughout the year.

To enroll in a college career and technical education (CTE) course, the student must take the appropriate level TABE and score the minimum test score for the respective workforce program. Minimum scores are established by the policy of the Rehabilitation Programs Division of the TDCJ.

Blocked Courses

Some academic courses are blocked based on TSI requirements. Generally, a student must pass the appropriate section on an approved TSI test or complete the required developmental course sequence in order to have course blocks removed from their degree plan. Blocked courses in each TSI area (reading, writing, and math) are outlined below: (Business and CTE college credit courses are not blocked based on TSI requirements)

Students must be TSI complete in reading to enroll in the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ARTS-1301	Art Appreciation	3
ARTS-1303	Art History I (prehistoric to the 14th Century)	3
ARTS-1304	Art History II (14th Century to Present) Present)	3
BIOL-1406	Biology for Science Majors I	4
BIOL-1407	Biology for Science Majors II	4
BIOL-2401	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL-2402	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL-2404	Anatomy and Physiology (single-Semester) Course)	4
BIOL-2420	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors	4
CHEM-1405	Introductory Chemistry I	4
CHEM-1407	Introductory Chemistry II	4
CHEM-1411	General Chemistry I	4
CHEM-1412	General Chemistry II	4
CHEM-2423	Organic Chemistry I	4
DRAM-1310	Theater Appreciation	3
DRAM-2366	Film Appreciation	3
ECON-2301	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON-2302	Principles of Microeconomics	3
MUSI-1306	Music Appreciation	3
MUSI-1307	Music Literature	3
SPCH-1321	Business and Professional Communication	3

PHYS-1415	Physical Science I	4
PHYS-1417	Physical Science II	4

Students must be TSI complete in reading and writing to enroll in the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL-1302	Composition II	3
ENGL-2322	British Literature I	3
ENGL-2323	British Literature II	3
ENGL-2327	American Literature I	3
ENGL-2328	American Literature II	3
ENGL-2332	World Literature I	3
ENGL-2333	World Literature II	3

Students must be TSI Algebraic complete in math to enroll in the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ACCT-2401	Principles of Financial Accounting	4
ACCT-2402	Principles of Managerial Accounting	4
BIOL-1406	Biology for Science Majors I	4
BIOL-1407	Biology for Science Majors II	4
CHEM-1407	Introductory Chemistry II	4
CHEM-1411	General Chemistry I	4
CHEM-1412	General Chemistry II	4
CHEM-2423	Organic Chemistry I	4
MATH-1324	Mathematics for Business & Social Sciences	3
MATH-1325	Calculus for Business and Social Sciences	3
MATH-1350	Mathematics for Teachers I (fundamentals of Mathematics I)	3
MATH-1351	Mathematics for Teachers II (fundamentals of Mathematics II)	3
MATH-2320	Differential Equations	3
MATH-2312	Pre-Calculus Math	3
MATH-2413	Calculus I	4
MATH-2414	Calculus II	4
MATH-2415	Calculus III	4
MATH-2318	Linear Algebra	3
PHYS-1401	College Physics I	4
PHYS-1402	College Physics II	4
PHYS-2425	University Physics I	4
PHYS-2426	University Physics II	4

MATH

Students must be TSI non-algebraic complete in math to enroll in the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
CHEM-1405	Introductory Chemistry I	4
CHEM-1407	Introductory Chemistry II	4