

ENGLISH 250 TEST-OUT REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, August 30, 2008

8:40 a.m. Check-in, 124 Ross Hall

9:00 a.m. Testing begins in a Ross Hall computer lab

ELIGIBILITY: Although any ISU student may take the English 250 Test-Out Exam, it is strongly recommended that you meet at least one of the following criteria:

- received an “A” in English 150 (formerly 104)
- exempted from English 150 (formerly 104) **AND** ranked in the top 5 percent of your high school graduating class
- have an ACT-E score of 29 or higher

You may be enrolled in English 250 when you take the exam.

THE TEST:

Part 1 (Saturday, August 30, 9:00 a.m.—noon): Analysis and Argumentation (written). You will read a prose selection of six to ten typewritten pages. Then you will write one essay (rhetorical analysis) about the selection and one essay (argumentative) related to the selection. You will compose your essays on a computer in a Ross Hall computer lab. Three hours will be allowed for this part of the exam.

NOTE: Part 1 of the exam, the written part, will be on Saturday, August 30. If you pass this part, you will be asked to return two weeks later, on Saturday, September 13, to take Part 2, the oral, visual, and electronic part. Because of readers' and proctors' time and lab/technology equipment, the fee for the test-out as a whole is the same, whether you take only the first or both parts.

Part 2 (Saturday, September 13, 9:00 a.m.—noon): Presentation Skills (oral, visual, electronic). Preparation for oral presentation, 9:00—10:30 a.m. Presentation: two-minute time slots beginning at 10:45 a.m. You will prepare a two-minute oral presentation supported by a single electronically designed visual (slide, graph, poster, etc.). The visual will be created using PowerPoint, Photoshop, InDesign, Word or Internet resources, and will be projected as part of the oral presentation. One hour and a half will be allowed for preparing the oral presentation and visual. You will be assigned a random order for your presentation and will wait in a nearby room until the scheduled time for your presentation. Presentations will be videotaped.

ACCOMMODATION: If you require accommodation for a disability, please indicate your needs on the registration form and provide university documentation. If you require an alternative test day for religious reasons, contact the Director of ISUComm Foundation Courses.

WHAT TO BRING TO EXAM: Student ID, dictionary, and pens/pencils. No notes, flash drives or other computer equipment, or backpacks.

FEE: A \$100, non-refundable fee will be placed on your university bill, which will be processed after you have taken the exam.

EVALUATION: The Test-Out Committee evaluates each portion of the English 250 Test-Out (rhetorical analysis, argumentative essay, visual/electronic component, and oral presentation) using the following criteria: context, substance, organization, style, and delivery, explained in the *ISUComm Foundation Courses: Student Guide for English 150 and 250*. All segments of the test-out must receive a satisfactory rating for you to earn “T” (test-out) credit. You will be notified in approximately four weeks after the test date by email whether or not you have earned this “T” credit. If you receive “T” credit, it will be posted at the end of the semester in which you took the exam.

Name (Last) (First) (Middle) University ID #

College Major

Email address to which you want pass/not pass information sent: _____

Accommodations Requested: (Be sure to attach university accommodation documentation.)

My signature given below verifies that I have given correct information on this form and I have read and understood all of the information given above. I understand that the fee for this test-out will be placed on my university bill. I also understand that I will be billed for this test even if I elect not to take it or do not pass. If I do not report for the scheduled examination, I must initiate a new request, including the examination fee payment in order to take a future examination.

Signature _____ Date _____ **PASS NOT PASS**
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Return completed form to: Testing Services
Student Counseling Service
2030 Student Services Building, 2nd floor
Iowa State University
Ames, IA 50011-2223