FOR STUDENTS PLACED IN EBS 041 (Directed Studies in Writing)
THIS CLASS WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS EBS 031

Dear Student,

Your score on the Accuplacer Test was between 240 and 249, indicating that you are required to take English Basic Skills (EBS) 041, a 1-credit supplemental course to English Composition 1 (WRT 101). This course meets for one hour per week. You must take the course during your first semester at the college, and you must take it during the same semester you are enrolled in English Composition 1 (WRT 101). You did well on the placement test, but your score indicates that you will benefit from a little reinforcement of skills while you take your WRT 101 class.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THIS PLACEMENT

FACT: Successfully completing the EBS 041 course will give you 1 “non-degree” credit. This means that the EBS 041 course DOES count in your grade point average (GPA), but it does NOT count in the total number of credits you need for graduation. The 3 credits you earn in your WRT 101 course WILL count in your GPA and your credits toward graduation.

FACT: You have ONE opportunity to take a “challenge test” to change your placement in this course.

FACT: For most students, both your WRT 101 class and your EBS 041 class will be taught by the same professor. There will be some 041 sections that can be paired with any WRT 101 course. Either way, you must take both classes at the same time DURING YOUR FIRST SEMESTER at the college.

FACT: When you register, if you are taking a paired section, make sure the section numbers for your WRT 101 and EBS 041 classes are aligned. EXAMPLE:

WRT 101-008P and
EBS 041-008P (taken as co-requisites)

If you cannot register for one of the paired courses, simply go to WebAdvisor and choose one WRT 101 course and one EBS 041 course that works best with your schedule.

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Progression to WRT 101 (Composition 1) Based on Placement Scores

Score of 0 - 199
- EBS 011 (5 cr.)
- EBS 012 (5 cr.)
- WRT 101 (3 cr.)

Score of 200 - 234
- EBS 021 (5 cr.)
- WRT 101 (3 cr.)

Score of 235 - 239
- WRT 101 (3 cr.)
- EBS 033 (2 cr. taken as co-requisite w/ WRT 101)

Score of 240 - 249
- WRT 101 (3 cr.)
- EBS 041 (1 cr. taken as co-requisite w/ WRT 101)

Score of 250 - 360
- WRT 101 (3 cr.)
What is the purpose of the EBS Program?
The EBS Program provides the opportunity for students to learn the skills needed to be successful in college. It helps students improve reading, writing and critical thinking skills. It also teaches academic survival skills such as how to study, how to take tests, how to take notes, and how to use the library, and how to use computers. Research shows that students who take EBS courses are more likely to pass English Composition I than students who were not enrolled in EBS.

Who administers the EBS program?
Students with questions about EBS should contact: Dr. Leigh Jonaitis, EBS Department Chair, in person in A-333D or by phone (201) 447-7168. See www.bergen.edu/ebs for more information about the program.

How do students get into the EBS Program?
Students are required to take EBS courses because of scores earned on the Accuplacer Placement Test. As a result of the scores, students are placed in one of the four levels of EBS courses. Students who place into EBS courses must enroll in them their first semester and must take them continuously until they exit the program. Other college courses may be taken at the same time as EBS courses, but the total number of credits students can take are limited each semester to ensure student success.

Can students challenge their placement in the EBS Program?
Students who think their placement test scores do not reflect their ability are permitted to take a challenge test before registering for courses. In addition, students who enroll in EBS courses are given a second screening in the first week of classes and may be given permission by their professors to challenge their EBS placement.

See the “Progression to WRT 101” Chart to understand the different levels of EBS courses.