



Intercultural Center College Readiness Checklist

Want to know if you are ready for college? Read this checklist to make sure where you are at:

Time and Life Responsibilities

- Do you have time and energy in your life right now to devote to college courses?
- One college class that meets for 3 hours requires an average of 15 hours of homework. Can you commit to that out-of-class preparation?

Study Skills

- Do you know how to study effectively for a test?
- Do you know how to manage your time when you have many assignments?
- Do you turn in your assignments on time?

Reading

- Do you read and understand college-level text? (Try www.nytimes.com, www.pressherald.com, or the maximum level at www.newsela.com.)
- Have you read several books in English? Could you read 30 or 50 pages for the next class?)

Writing

- Do you know how to write several kinds of essays?
- Do you know how to evaluate and cite sources for a 5+ page research paper?
- Is your writing mostly grammatically correct, so that your meaning is clear?
- Do you use advanced words and sentence structures in your writing?
- Do you know how to summarize text without plagiarizing, and also to analyze and respond to a text?

If you did not check all the boxes for Reading and Writing please take the [Accuplacer](#) at SMCC or over [Zoom](#). Please, plan in advance as virtual testing might have a wait list.

Here is more information about Accuplacer (it is free):

- [What's covered on the Accuplacer](#)
- [Accuplacer Practice](#) (free outside source)

Have you thought about what program will be best for you at SMCC? To learn more about our available programs, [visit our Pathways webpage](#).

Would you like to visit where your classes would meet and see campus? Take a tour of campus. For more info, view our [Visit Us webpage](#).