Information for Advisors about Changes to First-Year Composition Courses in Fall 2011

The major change for the upcoming school year is that English 90 (Developmental Writing) is being eliminated. As of Fall 2011, students whose test scores would typically place them in English 90 will now be taking **English 101 (Introduction to College Writing) with a co-requisite of English 95 (First-Year Writing Tutorial)**.

The Three Levels of English Composition

Test Scores (Used for Initial Placement)	Composition Course Required
SAT Verbal 200-440 ACT English 1-17 COMPASS 0-67	Level 1: English 101 PLUS English 95 (First-Year Writing Tutorial)
SAT Verbal 450-560 ACT English 18-24 COMPASS 68-94	Level 2: English 101 **A secondary Writing Placement Test will be issued to all English 101 students during the first week of class.**
SAT Verbal 570-690 ACT English 25-30 COMPASS 95-99	Level 3: English 102
SAT Verbal 700-800 ACT English 31-36 COMPASS: not applicable	Exempt from first-year composition courses.

What Is English 95?

English 95 will take the format of a small-group writing tutorial consisting of three or four students and a trained facilitator (a graduate or advanced undergraduate student). The group will meet for one hour a week. The tutorial is designed to support the work that students are doing in English 101, while teaching them how to be effective critics of their and others' writing. The grade for the course will be Pass/Fail, and is based on attendance and participation. The course will have a fee of $90 (pending approval).

Who Takes English 95/English 101?

Students with the following test scores will be required to take English 95 (First-Year Writing Tutorial) as a co-requisite with English 101 (Introduction to College Writing):

-SAT Verbal: 200-440/ ACT English 1-17 /COMPASS 0-67

All students in English 101 will be issued a Writing Placement Test the first week of class. If students whose test scores initially placed them into English 95/English 101 do well on the Writing Placement Test, they will be moved into English 102.

What Do Advisors Need to Know about this Change?

If you advise first-year students, please check your students' test scores, which you can find by going to VandalWeb →Student Menu →View Test Scores. If the student's scores fall in the group listed above**, please make sure that he/she registers for English 95 AND English 101.**

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