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MEMORANDUM

TO Jeff Nowak, Presiding Officer
FROM: Stephen Buttes, Chair
Educational Policy Committee
DATE: 10/01/2026

SUBJ: Revised Academic Regulations – Section 3.2

WHEREAS, the chair of the Department of English reviewed the Academic Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, section 3.2 contains information about requirements and placement testing processes related to English-language reading and English as a Second Language that no longer pertain to current practices; and,

WHEREAS, the chair of English, following consultation with the faculty of the Department of English, the Registrar, the Office of International Education, and the Office of Academic Affairs , has requested that the Senate remove the related regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the removed language would re-number various parts of section 3.2 of the Academic Regulations;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate approve the proposed revisions to section 3.2 of the Academic Regulations listed below.

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PFW Academic Regulations - AY 2026-2027 - PFW Catalog	
Current Language (PFW Catalog AY 2026-2027)	**Proposed Language (PFW Catalog AY 2027-2028)**
3.2: Placement procedures. Students should complete the following procedures as soon as possible after admission to Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW). Students completing these procedures shall be notified of the test results and their implications in a timely fashion.	no proposed change
3.2.1: English. A regularly admitted beginning student must complete the appropriate placement procedures prior to registering for classes. Any other student who has completed 12 or more credit hours at PFW is allowed to register for classes if the student has (1) completed the appropriate procedures or (2) established credit in an entry-level English course.	**Remove this regulation**
3.2.2: Mathematics. A regularly admitted beginning student must complete the appropriate placement procedures prior to registering for classes. Any other student who has completed 12 or more credit hours at PFW is allowed to register for classes if the student has (1) completed the appropriate procedures or (2) established credit in an entry-level mathematics course.	**3.2.1 [no language change; number change only]**
Students who place into developmental mathematics must complete the appropriate developmental course(s) in their first twenty-four credit hours. Students enrolled in a certificate or associate degree program that does not require mathematics are exempt from developmental mathematics courses.	no proposed change
3.2.3: Reading. A regularly admitted beginning student must submit one of the following below prior to registering for classes:	**Remove this regulation**
SAT test score above 450 on the verbal test	**Remove this regulation**
ACT test score above 19 on the individual reading test;	**Remove this regulation**
Scoring above the lowest 15 percentile (determined by national norms) on the PFW placement test.	**Remove this regulation**

Students who do not meet at least one of these requirements will be required to complete a reading course as specified by the Department of English and approved by the College of Liberal Arts during one of the student's first two enrollment periods.	**Remove this regulation**
3.2.4: Foreign language. A student who has studied a foreign language before entering PFW and does not have transfer credit should take a foreign-language placement examination or complete the departmental placement process before continuing study in that language.	**3.2.2 [no language change; number change only]**
3.2.5: English-as-a-Second-Language. The Admissions office will help to identify students who are proficient in languages other than English. Those prospective undergraduate students should also demonstrate proficiency in English. That can be accomplished by transferring credit for an English composition course that carries credit toward graduation or submit scores on the TOEFL or an equivalent test approved by the Department of English.	**Remove this regulation**
ESL students shall be admitted with the condition that they achieve appropriate competency levels in English composition.	**Remove this regulation**
Based upon TOEFL or equivalent test scores, the Department of English shall determine which ESL students need ESL instruction. Students who are found to be exempt from ESL course requirements shall be subject to the regular English placement-testing and course-completion requirements described in these regulations. Other ESL students shall:	**Remove this regulation**

3.2.5.1: Be admitted only to the Mastodon Advising Center unless they score the equivalent of 550 or above on the TOEFL and meet the admission requirements of a degree-granting academic unit. Students admitted in this fashion to the Mastodon Advising Center shall not be eligible for admission to another academic unit until they have completed ESL-related requirements.	**Remove this regulation**
3.2.5.2: Enroll in the appropriate ESL course each semester until the requirement is satisfied.	**Remove this regulation**
3.2.5.3: Complete the prescribed series of ESL courses within their first 36 credits at PFW.	**Remove this regulation**
The Mastodon Advising Center shall have authority to alter any student's registration if the provisions of Sections 3.2.5.2 and 3.2.5.3 are not being met.	**Remove this regulation**
This section applies to undergraduate students only. As noted in the Graduate Programs Catalog, graduate applicants must follow university-specific requirements to demonstrate competency in English.	**Remove this regulation**