

TSIA Holistic Advising Matrix

On January 11, 2021, Odessa College began to administer the TSIA 2.0 in response to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) updates. Per THECB's college readiness classification scores, the holistic advising matrix below outlines uses the TSIA 2.0 scores combined with the student's prior academic success and history, as well as personal experiences and circumstances. This matrix is designed to supplement current placement practices and accelerate entry into college-ready coursework. TSIA 1.0 scores will remain valid for five (5) years from the test date.

TSIA 2.0 ELAR	TSIA 1.0 Reading Writing	Placement	Holistic Considerations
ELAR: 945-990 Essay: 5-8 --OR-- ELAR: 910-944 Diagnostic: 5-6 Essay: 5-8	Read: 351+ Write: 340+ Essay: 4+	College Ready	NA
ELAR: 934-944 Diagnostic: 1-4 Essay: 1-4	Read: 340-350 Write: 329-339 Essay: 1-3	--8-week Co-Req-- ENGL 1301/INRW 0385 ENGL 2311/INRW 0387	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma Type & Endorsement Prior College Coursework HS Graduation Year (within 5 years) HS GPA and Rank HS English Grade(s) HS Standardized Test Scores First Language
ELAR: 910-933 Diagnostic: 1-4 Essay: 1-4	Read: 310-339 Write: 310-328 Essay: 1-3	--16-week Co-Req-- ENGL 1301/INRW 0380 ENGL 2311/INRW 0382	

TSIA 2.0 Math	TSIA 1.0 Math	Placement	Holistic Considerations
950-990 --OR-- 910-949 Diagnostic: 6+	350-390	College Ready	NA
939-949 Diagnostic: 1-5	339-349	--8-week Co-Req-- MATH 1314/MATH 0314 MATH 1324/MATH 0324 MATH 1332/MATH 0332 MATH 1342/MATH 0342	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma Type & Endorsement Prior College Coursework HS Graduation Year (within 5 years) HS GPA and Rank HS English Grade(s) HS Standardized Test Scores First Language
910-938 Diagnostic: 1-5	310-338	--8-week Co-Req-- MATH 1314/MATH 0314 MATH 1324/MATH 0324 MATH 1332/MATH 0332 MATH 1342/MATH 0342	

TSIA Exemptions

Basis for Exemption	Requirements TAC §4.54
ACT Test Results Scores are valid for 5 years	ACT administered prior to February 15, 2023: composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on the English test shall be exempt for both the reading and writing sections of the TSI Assessment, and/or 19 on the mathematics test shall be exempt for the mathematics section of the TSI Assessment; ACT administered on or after February 15, 2023: a combined score of 40 on the English and Reading (E+R) tests shall be exempt for both reading and writing or ELAR sections of the TSI Assessment. A score of 22 on the mathematics test shall be exempt for the mathematics section of the TSI Assessment. There is no composite score.
SAT Test Results Scores are valid for 5 years	A minimum score of 480 on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing test shall be exempt from the TSIA-ELAR; a minimum score of 530 on the Mathematics test shall be exempt from the TSIA-Math.
STAAR EOC Test Results Scores are valid for 5 years	A minimum score of Level 2 on the English III shall be exempt from the TSIA-ELAR; a minimum score of Level 2 on the Algebra II EOC shall be exempt from the TSIA-Math.
GED Test Results Scores are valid for 5 years	A minimum score of 165 on the Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA) subject test shall be exempt from the TSIA-ELAR; a minimum score of 165 on the Mathematical Reasoning subject test shall be exempt from the TSIA-Math.
HiSET Test Results Scores are valid for 5 years	A minimum score of 15 on the Reading subtest and a minimum score of 15 on the Writing subtest, including a minimum score of 4 on the essay, shall be exempt from the TSIA-ELAR; a minimum score of 15 on the Mathematics subtest shall be exempt from the TSIA-Math.
College Degree Previously Earned	Associate degree or higher
Previous Course Work Accredited Private or Out-of-State Institution of Higher Education	Grades of "C" or higher in equivalent English or Math readiness courses or college-level courses
Level 1 Certificate Students	Technical programs with 42 or fewer semester credit hours
Previous Military Service	On or after August 1, 1990, students who were honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty as a member or reserve member of the armed forces of the U.S. or Texas National Guard are exempt.
Current Military Service	Students who are serving on active duty as a member or reserve member of the armed forces of the United States, Texas National Guard, and have been serving for at least three years preceding enrollment are exempt.

College Prep Course	A student who successfully completes a college preparatory course under TEC §28.014 is exempt for twenty-four (24) months from the date of high school graduation for the course's content area. The student must enroll in their first college-level course in the exempted content area in their first year of enrollment in an institution of higher education. This exemption applies only at the institution of higher education that partners with the school district in which the student is enrolled to provide the course.
Students Not Seeking a Degree or Certificate	Students wishing to enroll in classes for personal enrichment are exempt. Those classes must not be of the nature to require college-level skills in reading, writing, or math—maximum of 18 hours, cumulative.

Dual Credit Students

Assessment	Math/ Algebra	Combined/ Composite	ELA/ Reading Skills	Writing/ Essay	Evidence Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)	Combined/ Composite
TAKS ² (11 th grade)	2200		2200	3		
PSAT/NMSQT ³ (AFTER 10/15/15)	50	107	50			107
PSAT/NMSQT ⁴ (AFTER 10/15/15)	510				460	
PLAN (Pre-ACT)	19	23	19			23
ACT Aspire	431		435			
STAAR EOC English II			4000			
STAAR EOC Algebra I and passing grade in Algebra II Course	4000					

**Dual credit eligibility is not a college readiness benchmark but allows qualifying students to enroll in a college-level course (by subject area[s]).*

TSIA Liable Courses

ELAR

- BIOL 1406
- BIOL 1408
- BIOL 2401
- BIOL 2406
- CHEM 1311/1111
- COMM 1307
- COMM 2300
- COMM 2366
- ECON 2301
- ECON 2302
- ENGL 1301
- ENGL 2311
- GOVT 2305
- GOVT 2306
- HIST 1301
- HIST 1302
- HUMA 2319
- HUMA 2323
- PSYC 2301
- PSYC 2306

- PSYC 2308
- PSYC 2314
- SOCI 2301
- SOCI 2326
- SOCI 2336
- SOCI 2340

MATH

- MATH 1314
- MATH 1324
- MATH 1332
- MATH 1342
- BIOL 1406
- BIOL 2401
- CHEM 1311/1111

TSIA Non-Liable Courses

- AGRI 1309
- AGRI 1415
- AGRI 2317
- ARTS 1301
- ARTS 1303
- ARTS 1304
- BCIS 1305
- DRAM 1310
- GEOG 1301
- GEOG 1302
- GEOG 1303
- GEOL 1403
- HUMA 1301

- HUMA 1305
- KINE 1164
- MUSI 1306
- PHIL 1304
- PHYS 1403
- SOCI 1301
- SOCI 1306
- SPAN 1411
- SPAN 2313
- SPCH 1311
- SPCH 1315
- SPCH 1318
- SPCH 1321