2007/2008 Assessment Procedures Fact Sheet—Multilingual Students

Enrollment in ESL classes:

All new self-identified ESL students are required to take the ESL Departmental Writing assessment test and the ESL COMPASS Listening, Grammar, and Reading assessment test battery. These tests are administered by the ESL/Linguistics Department.

Enrollment in English 101

- 1. Students who have satisfied the College requirements on the Standard Compass Writing/Reading assessment test battery may enroll in English 101.
- 2. Students who have satisfied the College requirements on the Standard Compass Writing test, but not the Compass Reading test, may enroll in English 101 concurrently with ESL 073 (Reading V).
- 3. Students who have completed the following courses with a grade of "B" or better: ESL 073 (Reading V) and ESL 074 (Writing V) may enroll in English 101.
- 4. Students who have completed ESL 074 (Writing V)with a grade of "B" or better may enroll in English 101 concurrently with ESL 073 (Reading V).

Retesting - ESL Departmental Writing assessment test and the ACT ESL COMPASS Listening, Grammar, and Reading assessment test battery

- 1. Currently enrolled ESL students may not retest.
- 2. Previously enrolled ESL students may retest if they have not been enrolled in ESL courses at Harper College for one year.

Testing/Retesting- Standard COMPASS Writing/Reading assessment test battery

- Prior to enrolling in an ESL course, students may take the COMPASS Writing/Reading
 assessment test battery two times. Once enrolled in an ESL course, the second test may be taken
 only through the first week of their first course.
- Students previously or currently enrolled in ESL courses may retest only with permission from an ESL advisor.
- 3. Students previously or currently enrolled in ESL courses at Harper who have never taken the Standard COMPASS Writing/Reading assessment test battery for enrollment into English 101 may test only with permission from an ESL advisor.

Screening

Full-time or part-time students who place at the level of RDG 090, 099 and/or ENG 098 or 100 on the standard COMPASS Writing/Reading assessment test battery and whose first language is not English will be referred for further screening and possible placement in ESL courses. Students who place into ESL courses cannot enroll in developmental Reading or developmental English courses without the approval of an ESL/Linguistics Department Chair.

International (F1 visa) Students Only

If international students want to enter the College as degree-seeking students, they must take the COMPASS Writing/Reading and Math assessment test battery and meet the college standard for placement into English 101. If English is not their native language or the language of instruction in their secondary school, a minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 79 (internet-based) or 210 (computer-based), or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 is also required in order for them to apply as degree-seeking students.

International students who have successfully completed English 101 (grade of C or better) at another college or university are not required to provide a TOEFL or IELTS score or take the COMPASS Writing/Reading assessment test battery.

Those international students entering as ESL students are not required to provide a TOEFL or IELTS score or take the COMPASS Writing/Reading and Math assessment test battery. They are required to take the ESL Departmental Writing assessment test and the ESL COMPASS Listening, Grammar, and Reading assessment test battery.

ESL Registration Accommodations

- 1. Full-time or part-time students enrolled only in ESL are not required to take a reading course.
- 2. Full-time or part-time students enrolled only in ESL are not required to take the Math Assessment Test Battery.
- 3. Full-time students enrolled only in ESL are not restricted to 13 hours of coursework. They may enroll in up to 16 hours of coursework.
- 4. An ESL student who still needs reading classes and wants to enroll in college credit coursework may receive an override from an ESL advisor to take more than 13 credit hours.

ESL Course Sequence

required for progression to ENG101

All self-identified ESL students take ESL placement tests. Each student's placement is determined by his/her test scores. Many students place into the 4th or 5th levels.

often recommended for successful completion of reading/writing sequence¹

Grammar I (ESL026) => Grammar II (ESL046) => Grammar III (ESL056) => Grammar IV (ESL076) => Grammar V (ESL096)

offered in the ESL Department but not required

Conversation (all levels)
Core (all levels)²
Guided Language Lab (all levels)
Business Communication Skills (levels IV & V)
TOEFL Preparation (levels IV & V)
Advanced Vocabulary I & II (level V)
Pronunciation Skills (level V)
ESL Skills for Health Careers

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¹ Students need a certain level of competency in grammar before entering the reading/ writing sequence and for successful completion of their reading and writing courses.

² Core is an integrated skills course.