



## Policy Directory

Responsible Division: University College  
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## **Standardized Tests Administration**

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Policy:

**ACCUPLACER** - is a computerized placement test mandated by Mississippi's Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) for students who do not meet one of the four admissions standards to enroll in any of its eight public universities. The suite of tests determines a student's knowledge in math, reading and writing. Students granted admission as Over 21 will take this test to determine if there is a need to enroll in intermediate level courses.

**American College Test (ACT)** - is the leading US college admissions test, measuring what students learn in high school to determine their academic readiness for college. The ACT Information and Registration Bulletin is only available online.

**ACT Residual** - residual testing is provided for ACT-participating colleges to administer the test to enrolled, admitted, or applicant students who were unable to test on a National ACT date. Individuals who wish to take the ACT Residual must have an application for undergraduate admission on file. Results of the test are reported only to the institution administering the test. Students taking the ACT Residual may not repeat the test within a sixty-day period. This sixty-day exclusion applies to all Residual ACT testing, even if the previous Residual exam was conducted at a different institution. The fee for a student taking the ACT Residual Exam at Alcorn effective October 26, 2017 will be \$50.00 instead of \$45.00. Students have two choices of payment: \$50.00 or a money order made out to, "*Alcorn State University*" along with a picture ID for identification.

**Placement Test** - students age 21 and over, who have met Alcorn State University's admissions requirements, but need to be tested to determine their skill level, will take this test. Academic advisors use the results of the assessment to enroll these students into a math, reading, or writing course. The ACCUPLACER is used for this purpose. There is no fee for the Placement Test at Alcorn State University.

**Graduate Record Examination (GRE)** - is an admissions requirement for most graduate schools in the United States. The exam aims to measure verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, analytical writing, and critical thinking skills that have been acquired over a long period of time. **Alcorn State University**

**administers the GRE Subject tests ONLY!** The GRE Information and Registration Bulletin is only available online.