

Smith College - Department of Economics

Economics Placement Tests

The Department of Economics offers two online Placement Tests to determine whether it is appropriate for entering students who have taken one or more economics courses before entering college to place out of *Introductory Microeconomics*, *Introductory Macroeconomics*, or both. The online placement Tests are accessible on Moodle and should be taken before August 20, in order that the results be available for fall registration.

Students who have been given AP, IB or A-level credit for microeconomics and/or macroeconomics on their transcripts do not need to take the Placement Tests in order to place out of the introductory course(s). However, we strongly recommend that those students still take the appropriate placement tests to ensure that their pre-college courses have prepared them adequately to move immediately beyond the introductory level.

Remember that these tests are not graded and are not part of your record! They are for placement purposes only. You will know your score immediately after taking each test. In general, scores above 70% indicate that you are ready to move beyond the introductory level and a confirmation notice will be sent to your advisor. If you score less than 70%, no one will know.

This placement test must represent your own work and is taken in accordance with Smith College's Academic Honor Code. You may not use notes, textbooks, or any other resources to aid you during the exam. Each student may take each exam only once and the time limit for each exam is one hour.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. You can log in into Moodle using your Smith ID and password.
2. Click on the following link to go to the Economics Placement Test course on Moodle:
<https://moodle.smith.edu/course/view.php?id=29465>.
3. Click on the "Enroll me" button near the bottom of the screen in order to enroll in the course. You will then see some further instructions and two examinations, one for Microeconomics and one for Macroeconomics. You can take the exams in either order or just take one. You need not take both exams in the same session. Allot one hour for each exam.
4. The clock starts running when you click on the link for the exam and then on "Attempt quiz now" near the bottom of the next screen.
5. When you have completed the exam, click on "Submit all and finish." If after an hour you have not submitted the exam, it will be submitted automatically.