

## **Frequently Asked Questions: ESL Placement Test**

**What is the test?** We use the CaMLA (Cambridge Michigan Language Assessments) computer-based [English Language Placement Test \(EPT\)](#) and EMU ESL Program Speaking and Writing Placement Tests.

### **Where is the test?**

The test is in EMU's Halle Library. The library is located near Oakwood Street. The testing room is 111 or 110. They are in the back of the library on the first floor.

Placement Tests that are individually scheduled take place in 318 King Hall. Please contact the ESL Testing & Assessment Coordinator for more details: [esl@emich.edu](mailto:esl@emich.edu).

### **Where can I park?**

Pay parking is available along Oakwood Street. Park in lot D2, G, or A. The cost is \$1.50 an hour.

### **What should I bring?**

Photo ID card (passport, license, etc.)

EMU ID Number (E0\*\*\*\*\*)

Pencil

**How long will it take?** The test takes about 2.5 hours

**What is the format of the test?** There are 3 parts to the test.

### **Part 1: Writing**

You will be asked to write an opinion essay on one specific topic. This is a 60 minute, *hand-written*, assessment. No dictionaries are permitted. A pencil is used.

### **Part 2: Listening, Grammar, Vocabulary, Reading (CaMLA EPT (Computer-based)).**

#### **Format:**

- 80 Multiple Choice Questions
  - 25 Listening Questions
  - 20 Grammar Question
  - 20 Vocabulary Questions
  - 15 Reading Questions
- 60 Minutes total

### **Oral Interview (5-10 minutes)**

You will meet with an ESL Staff for your oral interview. He/she will ask you questions about general, personal, or academic topics. The questions will increase in difficulty.

### **How will I know my placement results?**

You will receive your placement results within 48 hours after taking the test. You will receive your results in your advising appointment or through a report sent via email.

### **Can I retake the test?**

In the event that a student feels his/her scores and placement misrepresent his/her language ability, he or she may retake **part** of the ESL Program Placement Test. Students may retake Part 2 of the ESL Placement Test (Listening, Grammar, Vocabulary, and Reading). This part of the test is combined. Sections cannot be taken separately. For example, a student cannot retake listening only. To retake Part 2 of the ESL Program Placement Test (Listening/Reading/Grammar), the student must:

1. Register for the next available test if one is available before the first day of classes by contacting the ESL Testing & Assessment Coordinator at [esl@emich.edu](mailto:esl@emich.edu).
2. Pay a fee of \$25.00.

The higher score will be considered for final placement.

★ **Students cannot retake the ESL Placement test after classes begin.**

### **How can I prepare?**

The following links will help you to prepare for the test.

[Sample EPT Questions](#)

[EPT Informational Video](#)

### **Writing:**

[Organization in Writing Practice](#)

[Language and Mechanics in Writing Practice](#)

### **Reading:**

[Beginner/ Intermediate Practice](#)

[Advanced/Academic Reading Practice 1](#)

[Advanced/ Academic Reading Practice 2](#)

[Vocabulary Resource](#)

**Listening:**

[All Levels Listening Practice and Quizzes](#)

**Speaking:**

[Conversations with People Around the World](#)

[Conversations with a Robot](#)

[Pronunciation Resources](#)