The ETS Test measures college-level reading, writing, critical thinking, and mathematics skills that students develop through general education courses in the first two years of college.

The ETS is intended for use by colleges and universities in assessing the outcomes of their general education programs to improve the quality of instruction and learning. Students should try to do their best on the test to help colleges and universities be more responsible for what students can and cannot do as a result of taking the core courses. Faculty can use the results to evaluate curriculum, instruction, and teaching. Students’ best effort will help faculty obtain more valid and reliable data for decision making. Students will receive a score by mail in the semester after taking the exam, but the score will not be recorded on their transcript. The scores are used by the University for Program Comparisons based on student learning outcomes.

The ETS is required of all students seeking an undergraduate degree at UMKC. The only exception is for students who already have received a previous baccalaureate degree from UMKC or another institution. Email notifications are sent several times each semester to students who are eligible to take this exam. Registration is online at the website https://net3.umkc.edu/intapps/exitexams/. Students will need their UMKC Email account ID and password to access the site. If a session is missed, students may reschedule online.

Please note that if students do not complete the ETS by their final semester, a hold will be placed on their account which prevents receipt of diploma or copies of transcripts.

The test takes 40 minutes to complete, and the testing sessions are scheduled in one hour increments. The test format is 36 questions of multiple-choice, and a pencil must be used to fill in the ovals on the answer sheets. Students should plan to arrive at the testing site about 15 minutes early to check in, and a photo ID is required.

Students who have earned 90 credit hours are eligible to register for the ETS, and those with 90 or more credit hours are required to take the exam prior to graduation. There are numerous testing sessions scheduled in each semester, which are listed online at the assessment website referenced above. For students seeking a BLA, the ETS also serves as the Major Field test requirement. Information on Major Field tests is covered in a separate document.

For more information or assistance, visit the website or call Testing Services at (816) 235-5820