

## Placement Test

A placement test is administered at the Centre for Preparatory Studies (CPS) to assess new students and determine their appropriate level for enrollment in the Foundation Program (FP). Students are tested in three subjects: English, Mathematics, and Information Technology (IT).

### English

The Cambridge English Placement Test (CEPT) is used in the CPS to assess and determine students' appropriate English levels. The CEPT is a 90-minute online test developed by Cambridge English Language Assessment. It is a comprehensive, internationally recognized test that evaluates core communication skills in English.

### Mathematics and Information Technology

The Math and IT tests are one hour each and will be held on the same day as the English placement test. The test will cover the following areas:

- Basic Mathematics/Applied Mathematics/Pure Mathematics
- Basic knowledge of Computers/Microsoft Windows/ Microsoft Office

### Placement in and Exemption from the FP

Students are placed in the appropriate level or exempted from the FP based on their results in the placement tests for English, Mathematics, and IT.

#### 1. Placement criteria for English

Regular Program		
Criterion	Level	Remarks about Exemption
0-32	1	Students are exempted from the Foundation Program's English requirements if they meet either of the following criteria: <b>A)</b> Score 50 on the Cambridge University Online Placement Test (CEPT). <b>B)</b> Provide an IELTS certificate with an overall band score of 5 or higher.
33-42	2	
43-49	3	
50	Exempt	
Law, Education and Social Work Program		Remarks about Exemption
0-32	1	Students who score 33 and above on the Cambridge University Online Placement Test (CEPT) or produce an IELTS Certificate with a band of 5 or higher are exempted from FP English requirements.
33 and above	Exempt	

## 2. Placement criteria for Mathematics

Regular Program		
Criterion	Level	Remarks about Exemption
0-39	Pre- level	Students who score 60 and above on the Moodle-Based Mathematics Placement Test are exempted from the FP's Mathematics program.
40-49	1	
50-59	2	
60 and above	Exempt	
Law, Education, Arabic and Social Work Program		Remarks about Exemption
0-49	1	Students who score 50 and above on the Moodle-Based Mathematics Placement Test are exempted from the FP's Mathematics program.
50 and above	Exempt	

## 3. Placement criteria for IT

Criterion	Level	Remarks about Exemption
0-49	Pre- level	Students who score 70 and above on the Moodle- based IT Placement Test are exempted from the FP's IT program.  Students presenting either an international (English) IC3 certificate or a domestic (Arabic) IC3 certificate must also pass an interview and achieve at least 60% on an in-house test to qualify for exemption from the Foundation Program's IT requirements.
50-59	1	
60-69	2	
70 and above	Exempt	
Law, Education, Arabic and Social Work Program		Remarks about Exemption
0-59	1	Students who score 60 and above on the Moodle- based IT Placement Test are exempted from the FP's IT program.  Students presenting either an international (English) IC3 certificate or a domestic (Arabic) IC3 certificate must also pass an interview and achieve at least 60% on an in-house test to qualify for exemption from the Foundation Program's IT requirements.
60 and above	Exempt	

## Important Notes for Students

### 1. **Validity of International Test Results:**

- International tests, such as IELTS, are only valid for two years from the test date.
- Applicants must submit the original certificate of their test results. The University reserves the right to verify the authenticity of these certificates.
- If the IELTS certificate is issued by an institution outside Oman, applicants may be required to take the **Cambridge English Placement Test (CEPT)** to determine their English proficiency.

### 2. **Progression to College Majors:**

- Students must successfully complete all Foundation Program (FP) requirements in **English, Mathematics, and Information Technology (IT)** before they are eligible to progress to their college majors.

### 3. **Requirements for Architectural Engineering Major:**

- Students intending to major in **Architectural Engineering** must achieve a minimum score of **60%** in English, Mathematics, and IT to qualify for progression to their college program.