

Test Scores

Students will be given exam scores that reflect the ALI level they can be placed into. The exam ranges from 1-60+.

- **1-9 – Basic**
 - Students who place into the ALI's Basic Level courses do not know English. They may know a *few* words or letters, but not enough to communicate at all in English.
- **10-19 - ALI Level 1.**
 - Students who place into the ALI's Level One courses do not meet requirements for Level Two courses as described below. Students in the CEFR A1 range would be placed in level-one courses.
- **20-29 - ALI Level 2.**
 - Students who place into the ALI's Level Two courses will be able to read and comprehend sentence-level and short-paragraph descriptions of familiar situations and be able to communicate, orally and in writing, in areas of personal needs, immediate surroundings, and some social situations such as shopping, ordering food, and most other basic needs. Students in the CEFR mid-to-high-A2 range would be placed into level-two courses.
- **30-39 - ALI Level 3.**
 - Students who place into the ALI's Level Three courses will be able to read and comprehend clearly connected and organized texts, and students will be able to communicate in writing and orally in a variety of basic and social communicative needs, including participating in simple conversations on topics beyond most immediate needs. Students at this level develop a beginning competency in understanding texts written for a general audience. Students in the CEFR B1 range would be placed in level-three courses.
- **40-49 - ALI Level 4.**
 - Undergraduate ESL students are required to complete Level 4 before beginning academic classes.
 - Undergraduate students who score above 49 are cleared for full academic study in most undergraduate programs at UMKC.
 - Students who place into the ALI's Level Four courses will be able to read and comprehend more extended texts with an ability to recognize main ideas and clear supporting ideas. Students begin expressing cohesiveness in multi- paragraph writing and can communicate orally in most social situations and, though with some difficulty, sustain a conversation related to a variety of social situations, and read a range of texts written for a general audience. Students in the CEFR low-B2 range would be placed in level-four courses.
- **45-49 - Paseo Program.**
 - 45-47 - Student is strong in 2 of the 4 language skills.
 - 48-49 - Student is strong in 3 of the 4 language skills.
 - To participate in the Paseo Program, students must indicate interest at the time of application.

- Undergraduate students who score above 49 are cleared for full academic study in most undergraduate programs at UMKC.
- **50-59 - ALI Level 5.**
 - Graduate and professional ESL students are required to complete Level 5 before beginning graduate studies in their academic program.
 - Students who place into the ALI's Level Five courses will be able to communicate orally in almost all social situations in a highly interactive manner, read texts written to the general population at the post-secondary level, and meet college-level writing requirements. Students can employ various rhetorical styles in writing such as cause- and-effect, narration, and logical division. Students may be ready to begin academic work at the post-secondary (university/college) level upon completion of level four ALI courses. Students in the CEFR high-B2 range would be placed in level-five courses.
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- **60+ - No ALI courses.**
 - Students who score 60+ are cleared for full academic study in graduate and professional programs at UMKC. No ESL is required.