A Score of 3 or 4 Can Get You Into College-Level Classes at the University of Hawai‘i!

The Smarter Balanced assessment measures how well you are developing the skills needed for success in college or the workplace.

When you score a 3 or 4 and get admitted to a University of Hawai‘i campus, you can be exempt from placement exams and enroll directly in entry-level college courses in your first year in college.

Just follow this path:

11th Grade
Earn a 3 or 4 on the Smarter Balanced assessments.

12th Grade
- Continue to take rigorous coursework in English and Math including AP, IB, dual-credit or early college classes.
- Apply and get accepted into one of the ten University of Hawai‘i campuses and enroll within a year after graduation.
- You can submit your Smarter Balanced scores directly to the University of Hawai‘i campus you plan to attend. Contact the campus directly to find out the submission process.
- Your Smarter Balanced scores are also valid for placement at colleges and universities in other selected states. For more information go to: www.smarterbalanced.org/higher-education.

What if you didn’t get a 3 or 4 on Smarter Balanced?

You do not need to receive a score of 3 or 4 to graduate from high school or get into college. But lower scores may indicate that there are certain skills and knowledge in which you need to focus on before leaving high school. Work with your teachers and counselors to identify gaps and make a plan for boosting your skills before arriving at college.

Smarter Balanced assessment scores are valid for placement for 24 months. This placement pilot program applies to the Hawai‘i State Department of Education graduating classes of 2016, 2017 and 2018.

For more specific information about using your Smarter Balanced scores for college course placement, go to: http://p20hawaii.org/coretocollege or please contact: Hawai‘i P-20, 808-956-5484 or ddoerger@hawaii.edu.

If you wish to place beyond entry level courses in Math and English Language Arts, you are encouraged to take advantage of the UH campus specific placement procedures already established.

1st Year in College
Register directly into entry-level college Math and English courses.