Academic Regulations and Procedures

Basic Skills Requirement

Embry-Riddle recognizes the importance of communication and quantitative skills in all areas of aerospace. Successful pilots, engineers, airport managers, aviation maintenance technicians, and other aviation professionals must possess these skills to perform their jobs effectively. Embry-Riddle, therefore, requires all students, including transfer students, to demonstrate proficiency in writing, reading, and mathematics before they are permitted to complete registration during their first term at the University. Proficiency may be demonstrated by earning qualifying scores on SAT/ACT tests, or by transferring credit for college-level English and mathematics courses.

If they cannot demonstrate proficiency in these basic skills, students must enroll in COM 20, a reading, writing, and critical thinking skills course. Quantitative skills courses (MA 4, MA 6) help students prepare for introductory mathematics courses required in the various degree programs.

Students whose primary language is not English are required to demonstrate advanced English proficiency by achieving a satisfactory score on a placement test. Students unable to demonstrate such proficiency must enroll in appropriate basic skills courses in their first term at the University. These courses are COM 8 and COM 18.

Although basic skills courses are computed into the student's term grade point average (GPA) and cumulative grade point average (CGPA), credits earned in basic skills courses do not apply to minimum degree requirements in any degree program.