Writing Sample Appeal Information

The Writing Appeal is for students who have tested into MACC’s developmental writing course, Fundamentals of Writing, but believe this is an inaccurate placement.

Following submission of a writing appeal, if your appeal is granted, the developmental writing course requirement will be waived.

What is the appeal?

If you choose to appeal, you will be given two writing prompts from which you will choose one. You will then have up to 60 minutes to type your response. These responses must be all original work and use no outside sources or help. Those found to be using the Internet, a cellphone, or other resource will be stopped and their appeal immediately denied.

You may only attempt the appeal once. (Any extenuating circumstances for a second appeal attempt will require approval from the Dean of Academic Affairs.)

When can I take the appeal?

Please check with your advisor or the MACC website to find out the next available time to take the appeal.

How is it scored?

Appeals will be scored by full-time Language and Literature faculty using a rubric designed around the state of Missouri’s entrance competencies for Composition I.

A minimum total score of 11 (out of a possible 16) is required for an appeal to be granted.

How will I know if my appeal is granted or denied?

You will be emailed your results from a staff member in Student Services.

*During the first week of class, the appeal decision should be made within 1 business day.
*If it is less than two weeks before the semester starts, the decision should be available within 2 business days.
*During the rest of the semester, decisions should be available in 3-4 business days.
*During “semester breaks” the appeal decision should be made within 4-5 business days.

If your appeal is granted, you will need to see an advisor to initiate any schedule changes.