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Praxis Core Preparation Information

What is the Praxis Core?

The Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core) is a standardized test that UNI teacher education students have to take in order to be admitted into the College of Education. The Praxis Core consists of three tests: a reading test, writing test, and mathematics test.

How do I register for the Praxis Core?

Register online at <https://www.ets.org/praxis/register/>. Tests can be taken individually or combined.

What scores are required to get admitted into the College of Education at UNI?

Reading: 138

Writing: 142

Mathematics: 115

Cumulative: 448 (**Note: The individual content baseline scores DO NOT add to 448.**)

How many questions are on each test and what is the testing time?

Test	Number of Questions	Testing Time
Reading	56	85 minutes
Writing	40 2 essays	40 minutes 60 minutes
Mathematics	56	85 minutes

Multiple Choice Questions:

The Praxis Core may have some non-traditional types of multiple choice questions. If you see a format that you are unfamiliar with, read the directions carefully. Instructions will always be given for non-traditional questions. Some non-traditional questions may include:

Typing into an entry box: Students will most likely find this on the math test and have to enter a numerical answer.

Check boxes: Students may click check boxes when one **or** more answers may be selected.

Clicking on parts of a graphic or sentence: Students may be asked to click on a location (or locations) of a graphic. The graphic may be a map or a chart, instead of the traditional list.

Dragging and dropping answer choices into targets on the screen: Students may be asked to select answers from a list and drag them into a table, paragraph, or other graphic.

Selecting an option from a drop-down menu: Students may be asked to select an answer from a drop-down menu.

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

Reading passages:

There are different types of reading passages that students may encounter while taking the Core. Passages may come from print and electronic media, like newspapers, magazines, journals, nonfiction books, novels, online articles, and visual representations.

Paired Passages: totaling about 200 words with 4-7 questions to follow

Long passages: approximately 200 words with 4-7 questions to follow

Short Passages: approximately 100 words with 2-3 questions to follow

Brief Statements: followed by a single question

What is the content of the Reading test?

There are three content categories in the Core Reading test.

Content Categories	Approximate Number of Questions	Approximate Percentage of Examination
Key Ideas and Details	17-22	35%
Craft, Structure, and Language Skills	14-19	30%
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	17-22	35%

What is the content of the Math test?

There are four content categories in the Core Math test.

Content Categories	Approximate Number of Questions	Approximate Percentage of Examination
Number and Quantity	17	30%
Algebra and Functions	17	30%
Geometry	11	20%
Statistics and Probability	11	20%

What is the content of the Writing test?

There are five content categories in the Core Writing test.

Content Categories	Number of Questions
Usage, Sentence Correction, Revision-in-Context, Research Skills	40 Multiple Choice Questions
Argumentative & Informative/Explanatory Essay	2 Essays

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

Study Resources:

For all sections of the Praxis Core, resources are available at <https://tlc.uni.edu/resources>.

Writing Practice

- Usage and Sentence Correction_
<http://www.chompchomp.com/> (General Grammar Review)
- Revision In Context_
<https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5722.pdf>
<http://www.majortests.com/sat/editing-in-context-test01>
- Research Skills_
<http://carrollcc.libguides.com/c.php?g=151412&p=995314>
<http://study.com/academy/lesson/how-to-use-reference-material-in-your-writing.html>
(some free info., some for subscription fee)
http://resources.ijay.cuny.edu/erc/writing/research/exmenu_research.php
<http://education-portal.com/academy/topic/praxis-i-writing-research-skills.html>

Math Practice

Praxis Core Sample Test Items via ETS Study Companion:

- <http://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5732.pdf>
- General Math Concept Review:
- https://www.testprepreview.com/praxis_practice.htm
 - <http://khanacademy.org> or

Reading Practice

Praxis Core Sample Test Items via ETS Praxis Study Companion:

- <http://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5712.pdf>
- General Vocabulary Review
- Latin Word Roots - <http://www.prefixsuffix.com/rootchart.php>
 - Vocabulary - <https://www.vocabulary.com/lists/275731#view=notes>

All Sections and Full Practice Tests

- Practice Books (make sure it is Praxis Core and not PPST, Praxis 1, or Praxis 2)
Kirkland & Cleveland, *Praxis Core for Dummies*, 2014.
BTPS Testing (CliffNotes), *Praxis Core Test Prep*, 2016.

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

Khan Academy Praxis Prep

- Access from Praxis Website (www.ets.org)/Praxis page)
- Click on Khan Academy Official Praxis Core Prep "Get started by [creating a free online account today](#)." If you access through ets.org, you may not have to go through the account setup.
- At the Khan Academy page, click "Get Started"
- Explore the "About Praxis Core Writing" (or Math or Reading) resource links on this page
- Click "Take Diagnostics"
- Completing the Diagnostics will enable you to do Step 2, "Making a Plan and Goal-Setting."
- Students can complete practice questions for concepts they struggle with and do additional practice tests to see if they're on target for reaching the score goal.

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

UNI Praxis Core Diagnostic Form

If developing a plan to retake the Praxis Core, keep in mind the combination of previous score(s) and retake score(s) must meet the UNI minimum score for each test **AND** sum to 448.

Planned Test/Retake Date: _____ Are you registered for the test? Y N

Current Scores

Retake Score Goal

Mathematics (115): _____

Mathematics: _____

Reading (138): _____

Reading: _____

Writing (142): _____

Writing: _____

Total: _____ /448

New Combined Score Total: _____ /448

Pathway/plan for preparation developed with Academic Coach:

Who should the student follow-up with? _____

Did the student check out preparation materials from the Learning Center? Yes ___ No ___

Sample General Study Schedule

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3:00pm-4:30pm		Reading (practice test)		Reading (practice test)		Reading (Meet with TLC staff to review tests)	
10:00am-11:30am	Math Practice Test		Math Practice Problems	Math Practice Problems		Math (Meet with TLC staff to go over tests, problems)	
7:00pm-8:00pm	Essay 1 Practice		Multiple Choice Practice	Essay 2 Practice	Meet with TLC staff		

Student General Study Schedule

Time Commitment	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday