

ETS Proficiency Profile Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the ETS Proficiency Profile (formerly MAPP) test?

A: The ETS Proficiency Profile is an integrated test of general education skills. It assesses four core skill areas—reading, critical thinking, writing, and mathematics—in the context of humanities, social sciences and natural sciences which are covered in general education courses.

Q: Who is required to take the ETS Proficiency Profile?

A: Missouri S&T undergraduate students who have completed at least 61 credit hours are scheduled to take the ETS Proficiency Profile. The ETS Proficiency Profile is offered during the spring and fall semesters.

Q: Why am I required to take the test?

A: This requirement to assess students originates from a directive at the Governor's Office and the legislature of the State of Missouri. Colleges and universities are accountable to the state funding agencies and to accrediting associations, by demonstrating student performance outcomes. Students should try to do their best in these performance outcome assessments because it will help Missouri S&T demonstrate student learning and help administrators and faculty evaluate and improve the curriculum.

Q: How can I register for the ETS Proficiency Profile?

A: Students MUST register online for the test. The registration information can be found at <http://ira.mst.edu/assess/>.

Q: What if I miss the registration deadline?

A: If you miss the registration deadline, you can contact the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at (573)341-4954, email irinfo@mst.edu, or visit G5B Campus Support Facility for late registration. However, your testing options may be limited, and a fee may be applied.

Q: What if I cannot take the test this semester (i.e., on co-op, severe health problem)?

A: You MUST contact the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at (573)341-4954, email irinfo@mst.edu, or visit G5B Campus Support Facility for scheduling the test in the next semester. Otherwise, a hold will be put on your account.

Q: How long is the ETS Proficiency Profile?

A: Approximately 2.5 hours should be allotted for the test. The standard, multiple-choice test consists of 108 questions and is 120 minutes long. Time for the test instruction and a short break between two sessions (60 minutes per session) should be considered.

Q: How can I prepare for the ETS Proficiency Profile?

A: The standard, multiple-choice test consists of 108 questions. The links of ETS Proficiency Profile Student Information Handbook and sample questions, provided by ETS, can be found at http://ira.mst.edu/assess/assess_tests/.

Q: What do I need to bring to the test?

A: You will need your student ID, a #2 pencil, and a four-function calculator (performing the basic arithmetic operations). The answer sheets are Scantron. You should plan to arrive ten minutes before the test is scheduled.

Q: What if I miss the test time for which I registered?

A: You may take the test at the next available test time, if space permits. The test times can be found at http://ira.mst.edu/assess/assess_tests/. If the remaining test times do not fit your schedule, you can contact the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at (573)341-4954, email irinfo@mst.edu, or visit G5B Campus Support to schedule an individual test. A testing fee will be charged.

Q: What happens if I don't take the test?

A: A hold will be put on your account. Therefore, you will not be able to register for classes until you take the test. To remove the hold, you MUST take the test. To arrange an individual test, you need to contact the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at (573)341-4954, email irinfo@mst.edu, or visit G5B Campus Support. A testing fee will be charged. Once you take the test, the hold will be removed from your account.

Q: What if the test times don't fit into my schedule?

A: If none of the test times fits into your schedule, you may arrange an individual test. To arrange an individual test, you need to contact the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at (573)341-4954, email assess@mst.edu, or visit G5B Campus Support Facility. A testing fee will be charged.

Q: Does the ETS Proficiency Profile score appear on my transcript?

A: No. Your score will not appear on your transcript or affect your GPA. However, the test results may be sent to your advisor and your department chair.

Q: Can I get a copy of my test results?

A: Yes. The test results are available the following semester from when you took the test. Your test scores will be provided upon your request. If you want your score mailed to you, bring to the session a self-addressed stamped business envelope (with your student ID number and the words "ETS Proficiency Profile" on the back) or mail it to the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (G5B Campus Support Facility, 1201 N State Street, Rolla, MO 65409). You can also visit the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (G5B Campus Support Facility) to get your test results with your student ID card.

Q: Where can I find additional information regarding the ETS Proficiency Profile?

A: If you have additional questions regarding the test, please visit www.ets.org/proficiencyprofile/about.