CS102 Placement Assessment General Information

CS 102, Microcomputer Applications, serves as a pre-requisite for a number of required courses in various degree programs. The course is also a pre-requisite for a number of “C (computer) designated” courses that students may take to complete their Core Curriculum requirements. Students have the option of “testing out” of CS 102 by taking a placement assessment that tests their proficiency with basic software productivity packages (e.g. word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentation software & computing concepts). Available testing dates can be found at http://assessment.cs.ua.edu/.

To register for the CS102 Placement Exam:
1) Visit https://alabama.simnetonline.com (be sure to read Registration Instructions on assessment website)

2) On the bottom right side of the page select one of the following options
   o Register for Placement Test Only (no charge)
   o Register for Placement and Purchase Study Materials ($95)

3) After making a selection (and purchasing materials if desired), you will be asked to provide information to self-register and to assign yourself to one of the available “classes”. The class titles correlate to available test dates and whether materials were purchased or not.

Information regarding the placement evaluation:
- All students taking the exam agree to follow the UA Code of Academic Conduct
- Testing time for the 5-part exam is about 2hrs
- Check-in for PLCS is anytime between 8:30am-12pm in the Paty 160 lab. (assessment is taken in the Paty 160 lab)
  - PLCS MUST be taken in the lab, there is NOT an option for taking it online
- The exam is a 500-point exam that tests a total of 100 skills in five separate parts (word processing-30%, spreadsheets-40%, presentation software-10%, databases 10% and other skills-10%).
- Placing out of CS102 requires a minimum passing score of 380 points.
- Purchasing and utilizing review materials are highly recommended.
- Students purchasing materials and not passing the Placement Exam may use those same materials to take CS102 without incurring an additional software registration charge.

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