

Dear Student:

According to our records, you are required to take the Liberal Arts Qualifying Exam (LAQE) during New Student Orientation. The LAQE is a placement test required of all first-year students who do not meet one of the following criteria:

- a score of 560 or higher on the verbal section of the SAT
- a score of 23 or higher on the English portion of the ACT
- a score of 6 or higher on the SAT essay exam

Students who have not taken either the SAT or ACT need to take the LAQE. The outcome of the exam will determine whether you will be placed in the Basic Writing (0502-100) or Writing Seminar (0502-227) course. Students bringing in transfer credit or advanced placement credit for the Writing Seminar course do not need to take the exam.

The test time and location will be a part of your college's Orientation 2009 Schedule, which you will receive at Orientation Registration on Sunday, August 30, 2009. If you do not show up for the exam, you will be dropped from the Writing Seminar course!

- You do not need to prepare for the exam.
- You will be asked to write an essay on an assigned topic.
- Once the essay has been evaluated, your home department will be notified of the results and will contact you if a change in your schedule needs to be made.

For questions about the LAQE, contact the Department of English at (585) 475-6928. We look forward to your arrival at RIT and are working hard to ensure that you are placed in the appropriate writing class.



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