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English Grades of Students with SAT Score Exemption from English Placement Test: Fall 2012 through Fall 2014 Cohorts

This Research Brief examines the English grades of students who enrolled in English 111: College Composition I, English 112: College Composition II, or English 125: Introduction to Literature and who were exempt from taking the English Placement Test due to their SAT scores. Grades for Fall 2012, Fall 2013, and Fall 2014 cohorts are presented. NOVA policy states that students who have taken the SAT within the past two years and received a minimum of 500 on both the critical reading and writing portions of the SAT may enroll directly into English 111 without placement testing. Successful completion of English 111 is a prerequisite for enrollment in English 112 and English 125.

Table 1 (below) and Figure 1 (next page) show the Fall 2012 cohort English grades of students who were exempted from the English Placement Test based on their SAT scores. In the Fall 2012 cohort, 74 percent of these students completed English 111 with a grade of C or better. Similarly, among students who were exempted from the English Placement test based on their SAT scores, 77 percent earned a grade of C or better in English 112, while 69 percent earned a grade of C or better in English 125.

**Table 1. Grades of Students Exempted from the English Placement Test
Based on SAT Score: Fall 2012 Cohort**

Grade	ENG 111		ENG 112		ENG 125	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
A	109	36.6	17	29.8	7	53.9
B	78	26.2	13	22.8	2	15.4
C	32	10.7	14	24.6	0	0.0
D	19	6.4	2	3.5	1	7.7
F	33	11.1	7	12.3	2	15.4
W	27	9.1	4	7.0	1	7.7
Total	298	100.1	57	100.0	13	100.1

Source: IRIS and PeopleSoft
Due to rounding, figures may not add to total.

Figure 1. Grades of Students Exempted from the English Placement Test Based on SAT Score: Fall 2012 Cohort

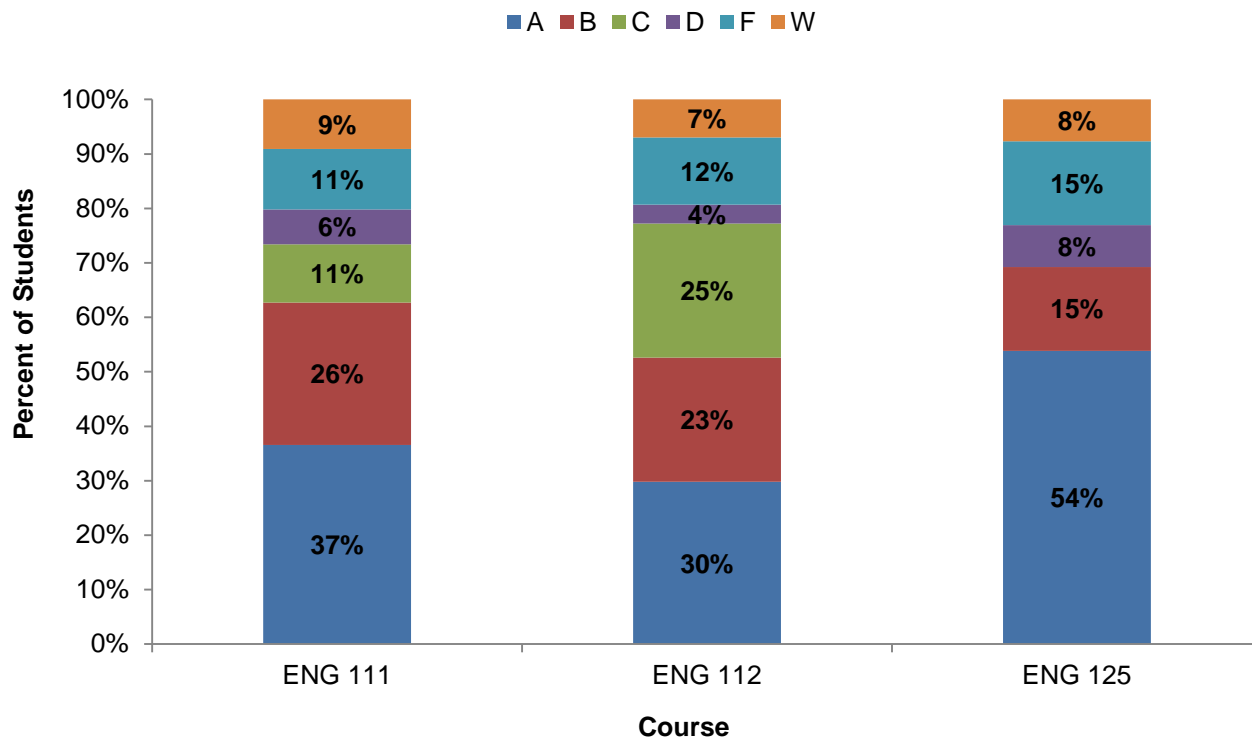


Table 2 (below) and Figure 2 (next page) show the Fall 2013 English grades of students who were exempted from the English Placement Test based on their SAT scores. In this cohort of English 111 students, 82 percent earned a grade of C or better, compared to 71 percent in English 112 and 44 percent in English 125.

Table 2. Grades of Students Exempted from the English Placement Test Based on SAT Score: Fall 2013 Cohort

Grade	ENG 111		ENG 112		ENG 125	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
A	189	45.3	28	38.4	2	12.5
B	115	27.6	17	23.3	4	25.0
C	37	8.9	7	9.6	1	6.3
D	11	2.6	0	0.0	1	6.3
F	43	10.3	10	13.7	2	12.5
W	22	5.3	11	15.1	6	37.5
Total	417	100.0	73	100.1	16	100.1

Source: IRIS and PeopleSoft
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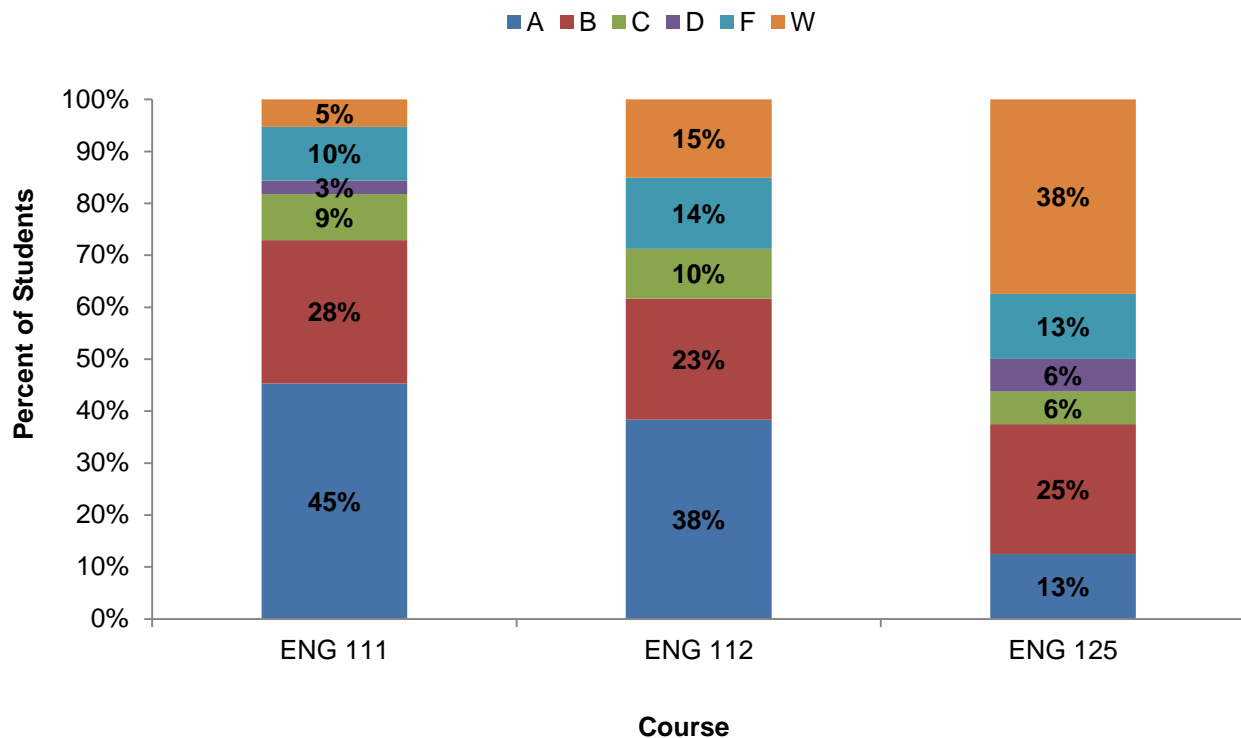


Table 3 (below) and Figure 3 (next page) show the Fall 2014 English grades of students who were exempted from the English Placement Test based on their SAT scores. Among these students, 81 percent earned a grade of C or better in English 111 in the Fall 2014 cohort, compared to 61 percent in English 112 and 77 in English 125.

Table 3. Grades of Students Exempted from the English Placement Test Based on SAT Score: Fall 2014 Cohort

Grade	ENG 111		ENG 112		ENG 125	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
A	181	47.1	29	35.4	5	29.4
B	94	24.5	13	15.9	6	35.3
C	36	9.4	8	9.8	2	11.8
D	12	3.1	3	3.7	0	0.0
F	37	9.6	14	17.1	3	17.7
W	24	6.3	15	18.3	1	5.9
Total	384	100.0	82	100.2	17	100.1

Source: IRIS and PeopleSoft

Note: Sixty grades from the Fall 2014 semester were unavailable at the time of this publication.

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