

Frequently Asked Questions

Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) Test

Why does UHCL give the MAPP tests to new incoming junior level students each Fall and Spring semester? *The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) mandates that UHCL assess incoming undergraduate students to find out how well they are prepared for upper level college work. The MAPP test is an assessment tool used to measure college-level reading, writing, critical thinking and mathematics skills. The MAPP test is given to incoming students to ascertain whether or not students are getting a good basic education before they reach junior level. Your participation will provide valuable information on how prepared incoming undergraduates are upon entering UHCL.*

Why do I need to take the MAPP test? *All incoming junior level students at UHCL are asked to take the MAPP test. Please note that your participation is expected as explained in the 2008-2009 UHCL catalog under Assessment of General Education Core Competencies (page 17) or you can find it on the UHCL website under information for Students > Registration > UHCL Catalog > Information for New Students > Admissions > General Information > Student Qualification and Assessment Information > Assessment of General Education Core Competencies.*

Do I need to take the MAPP test if I have withdrawn from all my UHCL classes for Spring 2009 or I am no longer a UHCL student? *No. If you are not attending classes during Spring 2009, you do not need to take the test.*

I have advanced degree (i.e., Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate) – do I need to take the MAPP test? *No. The only students who should take the MAPP test are incoming junior level students.*

Will my performance affect my grade point average or academic standing at UHCL? *No. Your scores will not be submitted to your individual school (BUS, HSH, SCE or SOE). Student scores will be compared with scores from similar colleges and universities and will be prepared in aggregate form for THECB.*

Do I need to study for the MAPP test? *No. There is no material to study or preparation needed for this test.*

How is the test formatted? *The MAPP test consists of **36 multiple choice questions**. The purpose of the MAPP Test is to measure college-level reading, writing, critical thinking and mathematics skills that students develop through general education courses during their first two years of college. There are multiple choice questions that measure all four areas mentioned above.*

Is the MAPP test complex? *No one has complained about the complexity of the test – only that there is a lot of reading involved.*

How long will the test take? *The total amount of time needed for the test is around 50 minutes. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete the demographic questions required to go with this test, such as name, Student I.D. Number, age, gender, etc. After that time, the actual test will begin – it is a timed test - you will be given 40 minutes to complete it. **If you finish before the test time is up, you will be free to leave.***

What are the scheduled dates and times of the MAPP Test for Spring 2009?

Tuesday, February 17th	Wednesday, February 18th	Thursday, February 19th	Monday, February 23th	Tuesday, February 24th
11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2234	11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2234	11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2106	11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2106	11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2104
2:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2234	2:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2234	2:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2106	2:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2230	2:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2104
5:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2104	5:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 1124	5:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2106	5:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2104	5:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m. Bayou Bldg. RM 2104

What time will the test start? ***THE TEST WILL START RIGHT ON TIME.** Please arrive a few minutes before the scheduled test time. You will not be allowed to enter the testing room once the test is in progress.*

What do I need to bring to the MAPP test?

- 1. Please know your Student I.D. number -- it will be used as identifying information on the test.*
- 2. Please bring a #2 pencil with a good eraser.*

Can I bring a calculator? *You may use a four-function, scientific or non-graphing calculator; however, math questions can be answered without a calculator.*

Can I use a laptop computer? *You **may not** use a pocket organizer, hand-held or laptop computer, calculator with typewriter-like keyboard, calculator that “talks” or calculator that requires an electrical outlet.*

What if there is inclement weather? *In the event UHCL is closed due to inclement weather, the MAPP tests **for that specific date and time will be cancelled** and rescheduled for a later date.*

If I scheduled my MAPP test but found out later that I could not attend on that date and time, how do I reschedule? *To reschedule the date and time of your MAPP test, call Mary L. Ballew at (281) 283-3028 or email her at ballew@uhcl.edu.*

When I take the MAPP test, will I receive my \$10.00 Barnes & Noble gift card? *Yes – after you complete the test, you will be given a gift card. However, State regulations require that you sign for it.*

Where can I use my gift card? *You can use the gift card at the UHCL bookstore, any Barnes & Noble bookstore, B. Dalton bookstore or online at www.bn.com.*

Who do I contact if I still have questions about the MAPP test? *Please contact Mary L. Ballew at (281) 283-3028 or email her at ballew@uhcl.edu.*