CONTENT TESTS – PRAXIS II

State Required Content Test(s) – These tests must be completed/passed prior to student teaching.

Frequently asked questions:

- **Web-site/information?** [www.ets.org/praxis]
- **What test(s) does my major/minor require?**
  The chart found on the next few pages will direct you to the appropriate test(s) required.
- **When should I take this test?**
  - **ECE, Elementary and Special Education majors:** We suggest taking this test in the spring of your junior year or at least 3 semesters before you will student teach, whichever comes first.
  - **Secondary/K-12 Majors:** We suggest taking this test the spring of your junior year or at least three semesters prior to student teaching, whichever comes first.
  - **Communicative Disorders Majors:** We suggest taking this test during your graduate program.
- **Are special accommodations available?**
  Yes, students with documented disabilities and ESL students may request special accommodations. Special paperwork found at the ETS web-site must be filed with the ETS company at least 2-3 months prior to taking this test. Accommodations are not available on every test date/site. Plan ahead.
- **When do I have to have the test completed and passed?**
  Passing scores for all teaching majors and minors must be received by the SOE Advising Recruitment & Retention Office no later than March 1 if student teaching in the fall and October 15 if student teaching in the spring. NOTE: It takes 6 weeks to receive scores from ETS.
- **How do I register?**
  - **Paper Version:** These tests are only offered 3-7 times per year and not every site offers the tests on all dates. Registration is available on-line at the Praxis Series Web-site: [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis). Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on seating availability at a given testing site. There are also deadlines to register for these tests.
  - **Computer Version:** ETS is slowly phasing in computer versions of some Praxis II tests. Registration is available online at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis). See pages 18-19 and SOE Newsletter for updates.
- **Is there a Fee Waiver available for this test?**
  Yes. ETS offers a limited number of Fee Waivers for the Praxis II test. Eligibility is largely determined by family income. Fee Waiver eligibility requirements and application forms can be found at the Praxis Series Web-site: [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis). Search for “FEE WAIVERS” in the search tool.
- **Are there study materials available?**
  Yes, there are study materials available:
  - **Tests at a Glance** are available for review and download at the Praxis Series Web-site. This site offers test descriptions, sample questions with answers and test-taking strategies.
  - **Praxis II Study Guides** are available at the UWSP LRC Reserve Desk.
  - **Group Study Sessions** – The School of Education offers a group study session (typically once a semester) for Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education majors. Some secondary education majors are also offering group study sessions for their students.
- **Is there a computer version of this test?**
  ETS is slowly phasing in computer versions of some Praxis II tests; however, the majority of Praxis II tests are only offered in the paper format.
- **How will UWSP get my score?**
  Use code 1919 as the “Score Recipient” when registering for the test.
  - The student is responsible for checking their Degree Progress Report to make sure SOE Advising, Recruitment & Retention Office has the scores. If the scores are not found on the DPR within one week of a student receiving his/her scores, UWSP has not received the scores and the student must bring the original score report to 469 CPS.
  - **NOTE:** ETS does not mail Praxis II scores. Students have a 30 day window in which you can get your scores from their website. After that, they charge a pretty hefty fee. We recommend downloading your score report to your computer, a back-up system and print a few copies with colored ink. Also, please be aware that the company only keeps them for 10 years.
CONTENT TESTS - ACTFL – WORLD LANGUAGE CONTENT EXAMS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING MAJORS AND MINORS

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Frequently asked questions:

- **Web-site/information?**  www.languagetesting.com (LTI)
- **What test(s) does my major/minor require?**
  The chart found on the next few pages will direct you to the appropriate test(s) required.
- **When should I take this test?**
  We suggest taking these tests immediately following your experience abroad or in the spring of your junior, whichever comes first.
- **Are special accommodations available?**
  Yes, students with documented disabilities may request special accommodations. Special paperwork found at the LTI website must be filed with the LTI company at least one month prior to taking this test. Plan ahead.
- **When do I have to have the test completed and passed?**
  Passing scores for all teaching majors and minors must be received by the SOE Advising Recruitment & Retention Office no later than March 1 if student teaching in the fall and October 15 if student teaching in the spring. NOTE: It takes 2-4 weeks to be able to print scores from the LTI website. Retakes of these tests are allowed every 90 days; however LTI recommends waiting 180 days between retakes.
- **How do I register?**
  Registration is available at the LTI website, www.languagetesting.com. Click on “Apply for an academic test” and choose Wisconsin. Students are able to register online or download an application and mail it in. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on seating availability at a given testing site. Students will be required to have an approved proctor and must submit a “Proctor Responsibilities and Agreement Form” via fax or email before the submitted application will be processed LTI will inform you via email of the date/time chosen for your test. LTI needs at least 10 business days from the date you submit a completed application and Proctor form to set up your testing. Students applying for the OPI test will be required to have three possible dates/times for the test. The OPI and OPIc tests take 15-40 minutes. The WPT test takes 40-80 minutes.
- **Are there study materials available?**
  Because these tests measure your oral and written proficiencies, not facts about the subject, study guides are not available for this test. We recommend reviewing “Policies & FAQs” available at LTI’s website. The FAQs give helpful tips in preparing for the test and taking the test.
- **How will UWSP get my score?**
  UWSP should be able to download your scores from the LTI website only for those students who list UWSP as a score recipient. It is imperative that students list UWSP as a score recipient.
  - The student is responsible for checking their Degree Progress Report to make sure SOE Advising, Recruitment & Retention Office has the scores. If the scores are not found on the DPR within three weeks of a student receiving his/her scores, UWSP has not received the scores and the student must bring the original score report to 469 CPS.
  - **NOTE:** LTI does not mail scores unless the student pays the addition fee for a certified copy, which is recommended. You will be able to check the status of your test on the LTI website using your LTI ID and password given to you: www.languagetesting.com/individual. Once the final rating is posted, the test status will be completed and you will have an option to print out a certificate. Make sure to print your certificate out for your records.
  - Students who do not have their tests proctored through UWSP will be required to inform the Advising, Recruitment and Retention Office of the date they take these tests.
**REQUIRED CONTENT TESTS - PRAXIS II & ACTFL**

**NOTES:**
- Accommodations for ESL and students with disabilities are not available on every test date.

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| Elementary Majors | Test #0146 Paper OR Test #5146 Computer version (starting November 2011) | Middle School: Content Knowledge | 146 | 1. Elementary majors with teaching minors in the following areas must take an additional test in the area of the minor to be approved for teacher certification in that minor: ECE, ECSE, ESL, French, German, Health, and Spanish  
2. Elementary majors with teaching minors in the following areas do not need an additional test in the area of the minor: CD, English, ED, LD, BFSS, Env. Ed., History, Math, sciences (any science minor), social sciences (any social science minor) |
<p>| English | Test #0041 | English Language, Literature and Composition: Content Knowledge | 160 | |
| English as a Second Language | Test #0361 | English to Speakers of Other Languages | 143 | 20360 test code if taken prior to Sept 2010 (score 530) |
| Family and Consumer Education | Test #0120 if taken prior to Sept. 2007 #0121 if after Aug, 2008 | Family &amp; Consumer Sciences | 590 if taken prior to Sept. 2007 159 if taken after Aug. 2008 | *Test typically given 5 times per year – check web-site for possible changes |</p>
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