



Frequently Asked Questions:

Interpreting Your Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) Individual Student Score Report

QUESTION		RESPONSE
1	How do I interpret my MAPP Individual Student Score Report?	<p>There are two types of scores on your MAPP Individual Student Score Report. The two types of scores are norm-referenced scores and criterion-referenced scores.</p> <p>To compare your individual performance to other students at UMUC and to students from other colleges, you should refer to the norm-referenced scores. The norm-referenced scores are the Total Score, Skill Dimension Subscores, and Context-based Subscores (first row of the Individual Student Score Report).</p> <p>To compare your individual performance to standards established by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), you should refer to the Proficiency Classifications or criterion-referenced scores (second row of the Individual Student Score Report).</p> <p>The bottom section of the Individual Student Score Report provides a detailed explanation of the scores on the report.</p>
2	How do I interpret my norm-referenced scores on the MAPP Individual Student Score Report?	<p>The scores in the first row of the Individual Student Score Report are the norm-referenced scores. These scores indicate how well your performance compares to the performance of other students who have completed MAPP.</p> <p>The range of scores for the Total is 400 to 500. The range of scores for the Skill Dimension Subscores and Context-based Subscores is 100 to 130.</p> <p>Students from more than 350 colleges and universities have taken MAPP. You can compare your norm-referenced scores to students at other colleges/universities by going to the ETS website (www.ets.org) and selecting the link to MAPP. The website has a tab labeled Comparative Data where additional information is listed. UMUC is classified as a Master's (Comprehensive) Colleges and Universities I and II.</p>
3	How do I interpret my criterion-referenced scores on the MAPP Individual Student Score Report?	<p>The scores in the second row of the Individual Student Score Report are the Proficiency Classifications or criterion-referenced scores. These scores indicate how well you performed relative to established standards. These scores are not used to compare your performance to others.</p> <p>Your performance on MAPP is classified as proficient (P), marginal (M), or not proficient (NP) for each of the proficiency levels. There are nine proficiency levels (i.e., three levels for Reading and Critical Thinking combined, three levels for Writing, and three levels for Mathematics). The levels reflect the difficulty of items on MAPP in each of these areas: Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 (most complex skills).</p> <p>ETS has provided descriptions of proficient (P) performance. You should refer to the Individual Student Score Report and the directions provided by ETS on the Individual Student Score Report that explain how to access more detailed descriptions of the skills tested. Although ETS does not provide definitions for marginal (M) and not proficient (NP) performance, you should assume that marginal (M) or not proficient (NP) performance did not meet the level of skills outlined for proficient responses.</p>

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4	Where can I learn more about MAPP scores?	You should refer to the Individual Student Score Report and the directions provided by ETS on the Individual Student Score Report that explain how to access more detailed descriptions of the skills tested.
5	Can I use my MAPP Individual Student Score Report for personal skills development?	<p>Yes. UMUC offers a variety of courses helping in honing your skills in the areas covered by MAPP. Possible courses include, but are not limited to:</p> <p>Reading – WRTG 101 (Introduction to Writing) Critical Thinking – WRTG 101 (Introduction to Writing) Critical Thinking – ENGL 391 (Advanced Expository and Research Writing) Writing – WRTG 101 (Introduction to Writing) Writing – ENGL 391 (Advanced Expository and Research Writing) Writing – WRTG 393 (Technical Writing) Writing – WRTG 394 (Business Writing) Writing – LIBS 150 (Information Literacy and Research Writing) Mathematics – MATH 106 (Finite Mathematics) Mathematics – MATH 107 (College Algebra)</p> <p>Please note that some of the aforementioned courses may require prerequisite courses and/or placement exams before permission to enroll will be granted. For more information on these course or other possibilities, you should contact your academic advisor. Please note that some developmental courses designed to improve basic skills may not be applicable to a UMUC degree program.</p>
6	Will my MAPP scores be recorded on my UMUC transcript or impact my eligibility to graduate?	No. MAPP scoring information will not appear on your transcript or otherwise be considered as part of your eligibility to earn your degree.
7	Is my course grade impacted by my MAPP scores?	No. Although MAPP is completed within a specific course as a required assignment, the scores you received on MAPP has no bearing on your course grade.
8	Do my MAPP scores remain confidential?	Yes. UMUC reports only aggregate data that shows total group performance. Your individual performance or personal student information is not released or published in any manner.
9	What if I have additional questions about my MAPP scores?	You should email additional questions to learningassessment@umuc.edu . Telephone inquiries can be directed to the UMUC Office of Outcomes Assessment (301-985-7358). Please leave a detailed message regarding your MAPP question(s) and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible.

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