

## ETS Proficiency Profile Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the ETS Proficiency Profile?

The ETS Proficiency Profile is an integrated multiple choice test designed to assess general education skills. The test assesses the core skill areas of reading, critical thinking, writing, and mathematics in the context of humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The test focuses on the academic skills developed in general education courses rather than the content knowledge acquired from these courses.

### Who are required to take the ETS Proficiency Profile?

ETS Proficiency Profile is administered in the Fall and Spring semesters. During Fall semesters, a random sample of freshmen will be chosen, while during Spring semesters, a random sample of seniors will be selected. All students who are selected to be part of the sample are required to take the test.

### Why does SIUE administer the ETS Proficiency Profile?

SIUE is committed to continuously improving the quality of instruction and learning. The ETS Proficiency Profile is one facet of our general education assessment. Your participation will provide valuable information on general education skills that can assist faculty and administrators in evaluating and improving the curriculum for all students. In addition, ETS Proficiency Profile results will provide one nugget of information that SIUE can use to demonstrate to key stakeholders how much students at SIUE have learned during the time they spent at the University.

### Why is it important for me to put my best effort on the ETS Proficiency Profile?

Putting in your best effort and scoring well on the ETS Proficiency Profile is important because the group scores for SIUE are compared with national peers. Thus, the prestige of your degree will be impacted through national recognition based on SIUE performance. In particular, strong student performance will be perceived in the broader marketplace as a reflection of the quality of the undergraduate degree. In addition, colleges and universities are accountable to their state funding agencies and accrediting agencies by demonstrating student performance outcomes. Strong student performance will help SIUE demonstrate student learning and increase its chances of receiving appropriate support from funding agencies.

### Do I have to pay for the ETS Proficiency Profile?

No, SIUE pays all the fees for ETS Proficiency Profile.

### How do I study for the ETS Proficiency Profile?

There is no preparation or study material needed for this test.

What types of questions should I expect on the ETS Proficiency Profile?

Sample questions can be found by visiting the site:

<http://www.ets.org/s/proficiencyprofile/pdf/sampleques.pdf>

Do I need a calculator for the test?

No, you do not need a calculator to complete the ETS Proficiency Profile math problems.

Where can I find additional information about the ETS Proficiency Profile?

If you want to learn more about the ETS Proficiency Profile, please visit the site:

<http://www.ets.org/proficiencyprofile/about>