

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION
Old Main 102
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Punctuation, Usage and Grammar (PUG) Test

Students may take and pass the PUG test in lieu of making a C or better in MC 1100B as part of the admission process to be a major in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Passing the PUG test is one part of attaining full-major status (requirements for full-major status can be found at www.masscomm.txstate.edu and the undergraduate catalog). Journalism minors may also take the PUG test in lieu of MC 1100B. A student may declare a pre-mass communication as their major at any time by meeting with an academic advisor.

If you have a disability and may require an accommodation (testing accommodation, information in an alternative format, reader services), you must contact the Office of Disability Services at (512) 245-3451 prior to taking the test the first time. Verification of disability will be required.

A passing score on the PUG test is a 70 or higher. The test consists of 50 multiple choice questions worth two points each. Students have 60 minutes to complete the test. The PUG test is a separate test from other writing proficiency tests and other tests may not be substituted for it. We will only accept test scores from Texas State.

On the main campus in San Marcos the PUG test is offered at the Testing Research-Support and Evaluation Center (TREC) located in Commons Hall, Ground Floor. Visit the TREC website at www.txstate.edu/trec to verify test dates and times or call them at 512-245-2276. At the RRHEC (Round Rock Campus) the PUG test is offered by the One Stop Center (OSC) by appointment only. Call the OSC office at 512-716-4020 for more information.

Bring at least one form of photo identification (student ID, driver's license, etc.). Test payment is made on the day of the test. Exact cash in the amount of \$40 or debit/credit card will be accepted. No checks or money orders will be accepted. Effective June 2 the test will cost \$20 after the first three attempts.

Results may be obtained in person only in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication office, Old Main 102, with at least one form of photo identification. Round Rock students will receive instructions on how to receive their scores via email.

Tutoring help is available from several agencies on campus:

The Writing Center: (512) 245-3018 located in first floor of the Academic Services Building North (across from The Den). **Practice Test:** <http://www.writingcenter.txstate.edu/Student-Resources/PUG--GSP-.html>

There is a PUG review, a 50-question PUG practice exam and a review specifically for the PUG practice exam on the Writing Center's website.

The Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC): (512-245-2515) located in the Alkek Library (512) 245-2515. **Practice Test:** <http://www.txstate.edu/slac/stad-test-prep/gsp.html>

Texas State students may also find study materials in TRACS. Pre-mass communication majors have access to study material in their TRACS site located under Resources.