Who Must Pass the Exam?

Students planning to major in Advertising-Public Relations, Radio-Television or Journalism must meet the grammar proficiency requirement prior to applying to the major. The grammar proficiency requirement is met through coursework (a “B” or better in both ENC 1101 and ENC 1102 is required for Ad-PR and R-TV and an “A-“ or better in both ENC 1101 & ENC 1102 is required for Journalism), or by qualifying test scores from AP, IB or CLEP credit.

How Do You Take the Exam?

The Grammar Proficiency Exam is administered by the University Testing Center located in Howard Phillips Hall, Room 106. There is a $20.00 fee to take the exam. Exam registration and payment must be completed online at http://www.registerblast.com/ucf/exam.

How is the Test Constructed?

The test is a standardized national exam with two parts. Part one time limit of 15 minutes, tests student effectiveness in conveying exact meanings; part two time limit of 20 minutes, tests word usage, spelling, punctuation and capitalization. The exam has a total of 40 questions. A score of 75% (30 correct out of 40) is considered passing. You can only take this exam once. If you do not pass the exam, you must contact the Nicholson School of Communication for other options.

While there is no official study guide, “Elements of Style” has been used by students to prepare.

What Happens if You Don’t Pass?

If you don’t pass the Grammar Proficiency Exam, you may take LIN 3673 (Rhetorical Grammar) or ENC 3250 (Professional Writing) through the English Department and must pass with a “B” or better to meet the grammar proficiency requirement. If you do not earn a “B” or better in LIN 3673 or ENC 3250, then you may take the Grammar Proficiency Exam again.

NOTE:

YOU CANNOT REPEAT THE EXAM AT THE UNIVERSITY TESTING CENTER UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED REMEDIATION. REMEDIATION IS COMPLETION OF LIN 3673 OR ENC 3250. IF YOU COMPLETE LIN 3673 OR ENC 3250 WITH A “B” OR BETTER, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REPEAT THE EXAM.

The grammar proficiency requirement must be met on or before the deadline for which you are applying for admission to the Ad-PR, R-TV or Journalism majors.

Students will not be allowed to enroll in any courses for which grammar proficiency is a pre-requisite. These courses include: JOU 2100C and RTV 2102.

The Nicholson School of Communication will not accept any other tests (except for AP and IB) or courses as substitutes for the grammar requirement.