The Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) is an instructional program with a testing component which is designed to assist students in Texas public colleges, universities, and technical institutes in obtaining the reading, mathematics, and writing skills necessary for college level coursework. Developmental instruction is required for students who do not pass the TASP test.

Who must take the TASP Test?

Any full-time or part-time student enrolled in a public college, university, or technical institute in Texas must take the TASP test. This includes the individual who:

- Enrolls in a baccalaureate degree program in a Texas public college, university, or technical institute.
- Transfers from outside Texas or from a private Texas college or university.
- Does not qualify for any one of the four TASP exemptions.

Can I be exempt from taking the TASP test?

Students who meet any one of the following criteria are NOT required to take the TASP test.

- ACT - have a composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on both the math and English tests; or
- SAT - (for tests from April 1995 or later) have combined scores of 1070 or higher with verbal and math scores equal to or greater than 500; or (for tests taken prior to April 1995) combined scores of 970 with verbal score equal to or greater than 420 and math score equal to or greater than 470; or
- TAAS - have a minimum scale score of 1770 on the writing test, and a Texas Learning Index (TLI) of 86 on the math test and 89 on the reading test; or
- Have earned at least three college semester credit hours prior to the 1989 fall semester.

(Note: ACT and SAT scores can be no more than five years old at time of enrollment. TAAS scores can be no more than three years old at time of enrollment. Contact the Center for Academic Enhancement if you believe you are exempt from taking the TASP test.)

What are the TASP Policies Regarding International Students?

- International students are required to take the Texas Academic Skill Test (TASP) unless they qualify for an exemption (see question 2 above). This test is required before most undergraduates can register for classes at Texas A&M University.

- International students who fail both the ELPE and TASP test must enroll in ELI courses until the ELPE requirements have been satisfied.

- International students who have satisfied ELPE requirements and have not passed all sections of the TASP test must enroll in the appropriate developmental courses until the TASP requirements have been satisfied.
Where to go for more information:

- Test booklets may be picked up in Measurement and Research Services, located on the ground floor of the History Building, or in the Center for Academic Enhancement, located in the Blocker building, room 525.

- Any questions may be directed to The Center for Academic Enhancement, or to any counselor in the Academic Skills Program office, at 845-2724.