



MELAB: Michigan English Language Assessment Battery™ An iTEP Academic Comparison Chart

The Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) is an intermediate to advanced level standardized examination for adult nonnative speakers of English.

	iTEP Academic	MELAB™
Total Exam Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plus: 90 minutes Core: 60 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 165 Minutes
Skills Assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plus: Grammar, listening, reading, writing, and speaking Core: Grammar, listening, and reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four sections: Writing, Listening, Grammar Cloze Vocabulary Reading, Speaking (optional)
Target Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University level students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult non-native speakers (University Level)
Difficulty Level Tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginner to advanced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate to advanced
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate students' English ability for college and university admission purposes Place students in English language programs Perform pre- and post-course assessment Qualify candidates for scholarships and exchange program acceptance Evaluate language proficiency for placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate students' English ability for college and university admission purposes Place students in English language programs Evaluate language proficiency for placement Professional certification
Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$99 (global retail price for applicants); significant institutional discounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (variance by country/location)
Delivery Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plus: Internet Core: Internet or paper-based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper-based test
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests can only be administered at secured iTEP Certified Test Centers Certified administrators on-site; ensure that photo IDs match each test-takers Item bank feature ensures that no test is replicated, and that test items are secure by streaming the content live during the exam 	Partial security measures in place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrators on-site for paper version ensuring photo ID's exist for each student Paper test do not come with a guarantee of test question security
Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple-choice sections (Grammar, listening, reading) are evaluated by iTEP Grader Software Writing and speaking sections evaluated by iTEP graders- native English speaking ESL trained professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scores by MELAB. Test Centers provide scores to test-takers
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall score ranges from 0 to 6, with .1 level increments, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall score ranges from 0-80 in individual section scores Score report also includes a final score
Scheduling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-demand scheduling within 3 days of contacting a Certified iTEP Test Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test are offered monthly
Results Delivery Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results returned within 5 business days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results usually returned 4-6 weeks after test
Additional iTEP Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iTEP partners can get immediate online access to results of the grammar, listening, and reading sections, as well as access to the writing and speaking submissions iTEP available in customized and modularized versions iTEP partners can utilize their premises to become iTEP test centers and administer the exam on-site 	