

Math Placement FAQ For Incoming Students

1) Do I have to take the Math Placement Test?

a. Every math course at Saint Rose has a prerequisite Math Placement Score, which means that every student must have a certain score. There are a few exceptions for incoming students. If a student is transferring in college credit for either College Algebra (MAT 180), PreCalculus (MAT 185) or Calculus 1 (MAT 190) either from another institution or via the AP test, that student would not have to take the Math Placement Test.

2) I took Algebra 2/Trig or Pre-Calculus in high school. Do I still have to take the Math Placement Test?

a. Unless it comes with college credit (usually via the AP test or SUPA or an agreement with a local college), yes the Math Placement Test is still required.

3) I took Statistics for college credit. Am I exempt?

a. Elementary Stats (MAT 184) does not fulfill the math liberal education credit, so the Math Placement Test is still required.

4) How do I find out if my math course that I took at another institution transfers in and covers the Math Placement?

a. On the Saint Rose website, find the Transfer Equivalency Database (https://bannerweb.strose.edu/strose/zwsktreq.p_select_inst) and look up the courses from the school you are transferring the credit from. If that course covers either MAT 180, 185 or 190, then you are exempt from the Math Placement Test. If it says the course would transfer as "Math Elective" or a course designated below MAT 180 (i.e. MAT 100-160), then it does not cover the Math Placement Test.

5) How do I take the Math Placement Test?

a. Incoming students can either take the Math Placement Test online from home, or on campus. To take the online version, students would need to schedule an appointment with ProctorU via the following link: go.proctoru.com. You will need a webcam and \$26.25 to take the test online. To register to take the test on campus, you can go to the reserve site (<http://www.strose.edu/reserve>) and schedule an appointment for one of the Saturday sessions. If you wish to take it on campus but cannot make the Saturday sessions, please contact us at mathplacement@strose.edu and we will try to make an appointment for you at the Academic Success Center.

6) I took it and got a number. What does that number mean?

a. At the end of the Math Placement Test, there is a grid that explains which scores are needed for each course. Most majors currently need a 14 (out of 58) to place into a math course that is needed to fulfill the math liberal education credit. Students that are in the CSD program (Communication Sciences and Disorders) need a 17 to take CSD 244. Students in the School of Business need a 31 to take MAT 180 and MAT 184. Students in the Mathematics or Physical & Biological Sciences need a 42 to take MAT 190.

7) I didn't get the number I would need for my major. What happens now?

a. Contact Matthew Woods, Associate Director of Academic Success at 518-454-2177 or woodsm@strose.edu to set up times to do review and/or retake the placement.

8) My major requires intro courses (e.g. CHM 190, MAT 180, BIO 191, etc.) that have scores for the Math Placement Test and I really need to get into those courses my first semester. What would you recommend?

a. The School of Math and Science, the School of Business, and the Student Success Center collaborated on a program called Math Bridge. In this program, for one week before the semester starts, students in the School of Business (any major) or School of Math and Science (Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Forensics or Computer Science) will work on improving their math skills, as well as working on skills in their majors.

9) How successful is Math Bridge?

a. By the start of the semester, all but 2 students received their requisite scores for the Math Placement Test. By the end of the Fall, only 1 student hadn't received his/her requisite score for the Math Placement.

10) How do I sign up?

a. We will be sending out official letters for Math Bridge following STAR 1. All questions regarding Math Bridge should be answered then.

11) I'm not in one of those majors. How can I improve my Math Placement Score?

a. You can also sign up for Math Bridge if you would like. Otherwise, during each semester, there are daily review sessions for the Math Placement Test, as well as tutoring in Math in the Academic Success Center. These sessions are free and drop-in, so no signups are required. You can also find a lot of review material on our website (mathplacement.strose.edu) as well as the schedule of the review sessions.

12) How does Seamless Transfer affect the Math Placement Test?

a. If you qualify for seamless transfer and do not transfer College Algebra, Pre-Calculus or Calculus you will still need to take the math placement if you are in any of the following majors: CSD, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Forensic Psychology, Information Technology, Mathematics, Psychology and any major in Business and Science. If you do not transfer two lib ed math courses as a Child Ed/Special Ed or Early Child Ed/Childhood Ed major, you will need to take the math placement.