Prerequisite Policy

Our department does not waive prerequisites. However, Math 111, 120 and 124 may have alternative prerequisites not recognized by the registration system. See below for details on these alternative prerequisites.

Please note that if you have a prerequisite but it is not yet in the UW system we may be able to manually add you to a course while you wait for your scores or transcripts to be received and processed. Please email us (advising@math.washington.edu)!

Closed Courses

Before the quarter starts:

Instructors and Advisers in the Mathematics Department do not overload classes before the quarter begins nor do they have entry codes. Please set up notifications.

Courses that cannot be overloaded (i.e. Calculus) will have a comment on the Time Schedule. Please check there first.

Once class begins:

Attend class so you are up to date on the material. If it is not addressed during class, ask the instructor if they will be adding students. Keep in mind, classrooms are often full and instructors are only expected to teach their course limit. If the instructor is not overloading their class, please respect this decision. Remember that if a course has a note “No Overloads” on the Time Schedule it can never be overloaded.

Starting the second week all courses require permission to add if space opens. For Math courses, you must have instructor permission emailed to our office (advising@math.washington.edu) and then you must also follow-up with our office to be added.

100-Level Registration and Placement

Placement Test Scores
Effective October 1, 2010

Detailed placement testing information (where, when and how to take the exam) can be found at the UAA advising website.

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The alternatives listed below are guidelines. Always refer to the course catalog for official course prerequisites. Contact our office with any questions or clarification.

**AP, IB and A-level Placement**

Please refer to the Office of Admissions website for this information. All evaluations of these types of credit are done through the Office of Admissions only. Students must have their scores for AP and IB tests before enrolling, and A-levels must be evaluated and on the UW transcript.

- AP Credit Policies (Please note, subscores alone do not count as placement.)
- A-Level and AS Exam Policies
- International Baccalaureate Policies (Will need adviser’s help to register)

**UW Graduate Students**

Graduate students may register for 100-level courses starting Period II and will need help to register. During the Summer graduate students can register all periods with adviser help.

**Math 111 Alternative Prerequisites**

- Students who have completed Math 141 or Math 142 with a minimum grade of 2.0 at a Washington State Community College are eligible. Students should contact our office (advising@math.washington.edu) to get registered.
- Score of 2 or higher on an AP Calculus exam. Subscores are NOT used.
- Students who have already completed a Calculus course at a different institution are allowed to sign up for Math 111 without taking a placement test. Students should contact our office to get registered.
- Students who have already completed Math 124 at the UW need to wait until Period II registration to be registered by our office.
- Students with more than MATH 124 (i.e. have taken MATH 125 or more) will not be registered for MATH 111.

**Math 112 Alternative Prerequisites**

The only prerequisite for Math 112 is Math 111. There is no other placement into Math 112. This is a strict policy. Since Math 112 is only offered in Winter and Spring, please plan ahead if you wish to take this course.

**Math 120 Alternative Prerequisites**

- Students who have completed Math 141 and/or Math 142 with a grade of 2.5 at a Washington State Community College are eligible. Students should contact our office (advising@math.washington.edu) to get registered.
- Score of 2 or higher on an AP Calculus exam. Subscores are NOT used.
- Students who have already completed a Calculus course at a different institution are allowed to sign up for Math 120 without taking a placement test. Students should contact our office to get registered.
- Students who have already completed a Calculus course at the UW need to wait until Period II registration to be registered by our office.

**Calculus: Math 124, 125, 126**

Please see course catalog for official prerequisites.

- Math 124 has alternative prerequisite of a second quarter of Precalculus with a 2.5 or higher. If you have this coursework completed but are unable to register, please contact our office to see if you qualify.
- Placement only granted with college credit or appropriate test scores.
- As with all math classes, prerequisites cannot be waived.

Calculus courses cannot be overloaded and we do not give out entry codes.
Online Calculus

Online Calculus has the same content, instructors and resources as in-person sections. You will still have instructors and TAs for help and access to the math study center. If you wish and there is physical space in the classroom you may attend an in-person lecture section. Please keep in mind, the online section and in-person sections may cover material at a different pace.

UW Postbaccalaureate Students

Postbac students may register for Online Calculus anytime but must wait for Period II to register for an in-person section of Calculus. There are no other restrictions on Postbac enrollment for other math courses.

Honors Calculus: Math 134, 135, 136

Prerequisites

Placement into Math 124 or higher and permission. As with all math classes prerequisites cannot be waived.

Registration

Math 134 is part of an intensive honors sequence of calculus that is less computational than our regular calculus series, and instead is focused on the concepts and using proofs to solve problems. Students wanting to enroll in MATH 134 should enjoy the proof-based aspect of Mathematics.

MATH 134 has the expectation of 3-4 hours of work every day and it is not recommended for students taking other intensive coursework.

If MATH 134 still seems like a course you are interested in, please email Sarah Garner sterrs@uw.edu with your interest.

300- and 400-Level Registration

Below shows which courses are typically open if you are not a major. Although it is unlikely to change, the Math Department reserves the right to update or change this information at any time without notification.

- **300-Level Typically Open Courses**

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Period II

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Always and Honors

These courses are open to non-major (and non-honors!) students. For “Always” courses you can register yourself and for “Honors” courses email advising@math.washington.edu for approval to be added.

Never

“Never” courses are never available to non-UW Seattle majors. This is due to high demand within the majors. Space is rarely or never available. If space is open, it will be saved for majors.

Period II

Courses labelled “Period II” are generally available for non-majors to register for during Period II of registration only (link to UW calendar). Both Periods I and III these courses will be restricted to majors only. Many of these courses have prerequisites that are courses available to majors only.

Varies

For “varies” courses, please read the notes on the time schedule for more information about if these courses are available to non-majors and how to register.

Graduate and Postbac Students in 300-400 Level Math Courses

Graduate and Postbac students are treated the same as Undergraduates in terms of the above registration policies (i.e. prerequisites and major restrictions). Grad and Postbac students will always need to email advising@math.washington.edu.

Repeating a Course

Math 124 / 125 / 126: First repeats allowed to register beginning period II

All other courses: First repeats allowed all registration periods

Second repeats: Due to the high demand for Math courses, second repeats are only allowed during Summer quarters. This is a strict policy. Please email our office for help registering.

High Demand & Majors-only Courses

Many Math Major students are interested in coursework that will be directly applicable to industry. Although this is not the focus of pure math degrees, courses like Probability, Optimization, Discrete Math Modelling and Combinatorics are some of the department’s most popular courses that can be used towards math majors.

Probability is not restricted in any way but often fills with Seniors. In the case of Math 396, it often fills with graduating seniors.

Optimization (MATH 407/8/9) and Combinatorics (MATH 461/2) will have specific restrictions on them for a given quarter. Typically these courses are restricted to Seniors and fill with Graduating Seniors. Please see the time schedule for the most
up-to-date information.

If you are a BS standard student, we strongly recommend planning for a back-up sequence for 407/8/9 or Math 461/2, these courses fill quickly, even with Graduating Senior Priority.

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