

Placement into UNLV Mathematics Courses

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The DMS does not, under any circumstances, provide prerequisite waivers. The purpose of this document is to provide information on some of the various options for satisfying prerequisites. For a description of courses with their required prerequisites, please visit the UNLV catalog.

General Education Mathematics Courses

According to the UNLV catalog (effective 2010), the general education mathematics course “should be taken during the student’s first year at UNLV, but no later than the end of the second.” The DMS *strongly* urges all students to enroll in mathematics their *first* semester at UNLV. The general education mathematics requirement for the university (effective 1998) is listed as “any 100 level math course except 115 or 122.” Students should seek advising before signing up for any mathematics course, as different degree programs typically have a specified mathematics requirement.

Note that Math 095 and Math 096 do not earn university credit and do not count towards enrollment for purposes of the Millennium Scholarship. It is possible that a student must enroll in these or other prerequisite courses before taking their required course.

SAT/ACT

The primary means of mathematics placement for a degree-seeking student (who has not previously taken any college mathematics course) is the SAT/ACT. Based on the NSHE Code (Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 1), the UNLV DMS has set the following cutoff scores (effective Fall 2010). Scores cannot be older than 2 years at time of placement.

UNLV Placement by SAT/ACT Scores			
Placement	ACT Math Score	SAT OLD Score	SAT NEW Score
Math 095	n/a	n/a	n/a
Math 096	20	500	
Math 120	22	500	530
Math 122	22	500	530
Math 124	22	500	530
Math 126	23	520	550
Math 127	25	560	580
Math 128	25	560	580
Math 132	24	560	550
Math 181	28	630	650

Once the score(s) is posted in the students' record, they will be eligible to enroll in the appropriate level course. For questions regarding posting of scores, students should contact their advisor or registrars' office. For questions regarding placement, students should contact their advisor or the DMS.

Previous College Credit

If a student has transferred into UNLV from an accredited* college or university and has received college level mathematics credit (with a grade of C or higher), this transfer course may be evaluated for credit and/or placement. Depending on the articulation of the course, this transfer course could be used to determine appropriate placement, or in some cases count towards a students' degree program.

Please note that all mathematics courses from NSHE schools are directly transferrable. If a student has a transfer course from another accredited institution, they are to see their advisor about filling out a "Transfer Course Equivalency Form." This form must be evaluated by the DMS. To be used as a prerequisite, the student must have received a C or better†. Until the course is posted and grade is evaluated, a student will not be allowed to register for any subsequent math courses. The evaluation process could take as long as one month to process once the DMS receives the request.

Once the course is transferred, posted, and grade evaluated, students will be eligible to enroll in the appropriate level course. For questions regarding posting of transfer courses, students should contact their advisor or registrars' office. For questions regarding the evaluation process, students should contact the DMS.

Advanced Placement Test

If a student took the math AP test, they may be placed into courses using the table below. It is *not mandated* that a student cannot enroll in courses for which they have previously received credit. However, if a student receives AP credit for a course and decides to enroll in it for credit at UNLV, the grade will count in the computation of their GPA (unless audited or dropped).

UNLV Credits Earned with Advanced Placement (AP) Test	
AP Test Score	Credit Earned at UNLV
AP Calculus Test	
AB Math 4-5	4 credits for Math 181
BC Math 4-5	8 credits for Math 181 and 182
AP Statistics Test	
3-5	3 credits for Stat 152

Once the score is posted, students will receive proper credit and be eligible to enroll in the appropriate level subsequent course. For questions regarding posting of scores, students should contact their advisor or registrars' office. For questions regarding course content and placement, students should contact their advisor or the DMS.

Departmental Placement Test

Students who have not taken prior college math courses, the ACT/SAT standardized test(s), or who wish to place at a higher level mathematics course than their scores indicate, may take a placement test offered by the DMS. To be eligible[§] to take the placement test, a student must have not previously taken the DMS Placement Test within the last three months.

* The DMS does not typically accept transfer courses from non-accredited institutions.

† Please be aware, a course for which a student has earned a C- or lower will *not* count for prerequisite purposes.

§ While it may be possible in the system for a student to sign up, pay for and take the placement exam, if a student is not in fact eligible to take the exam their score will not be uploaded into the system.

Some examples of students who wish to take the placement test include those who:

- have not taken the ACT/SAT standardized test(s)
- have taken the ACT/SAT standardized test(s) outside of a 2 year period
- have taken the ACT/SAT standardized test(s) but wish to better their placement
- have taken a mathematics course at an accredited college or university (including NSHE), did not earn a final grade because of withdrawing or auditing, and wish to better their placement
- have taken a mathematics course at an accredited college or university (including NSHE), did earn a final grade, but wish to better their placement
- have taken another mathematics course at a non-accredited college or university.

Students should contact the DMS to make arrangements for placement testing, or visit the website <http://www.unlv.edu/math/mpri.html>. Once the score is posted, students will be eligible to enroll in the appropriate level course. For questions regarding eligibility for the exam, posting of scores and subsequent enrollment into courses, students may contact the DMS.