

Math 199 Contract of Understanding

You are enrolled in Math 199 because your Calculus Placement Test score was below the cutoff for the calculus course you are currently taking (either Math 231 or Math 205). Statistical data from previous semesters shows that students with placement scores of 22 and below (out of 45) have a much higher W/D/F rate in Math 231 (24 and below, for Math 205), regardless of whether or not they have taken precalculus or calculus before. Normally, students in your situation would be required to complete a 3-credit Math 155 algebra/precalculus course before attempting calculus, and you do still have that option if you choose. Math 199 is a course that provides an alternative so that you can enroll in calculus as soon as possible. The catch is that Math 199 is an online, independent-learning course, and will require a significant time investment from you in the first weeks of the semester.

Please initial each of the following:

- I understand that my grade in Math 199 will be determined by the number of weeks it takes me to pass all five Gateway Tests with scores of 8/10 or better in the proctored Friday evening testing sessions.
- I understand that I need to pass an online Qualifier Test with 8/10 or better before I will be allowed to take the corresponding Gateway Test in the Friday evening testing session, and that I will be permitted to take each qualified Gateway Test a maximum of two times in any given Friday session.
- I understand that the main way that I will learn in this course is on my own time, online, using the MyMathTest software and the Study Plan and resources in that software, and I take responsibility for doing that work independently.
- I understand that in-person help is available to me on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for weeks 2-9 of the semester with the Math 199 tutors in Burruss 030, as well as throughout the semester at the Science and Math Learning Center in SSC 1100.
- I understand that the Friday grade cutoff deadlines will not be changed except in certain medical or other extenuating circumstances with permission of the Math 199 coordinator. Needing to be out of town or having other appointments will not usually qualify as such circumstances, so if I need to miss a Friday then I will do more qualifying work in advance so that I can pass more Gateways on previous Fridays.
- I understand that the cutoff for a 'C' in Math 199 is Friday March 18.
- I understand that if I have not passed all five Gateway Tests with 8/10 or better by the end of the Friday, April 15 testing session, then I will get a grade of 'F' for Math 199.
- I understand that my enrollment in Math 199 is what allows me to be enrolled in Math 231 or Math 205 this semester, because my Calculus Placement Score is below the cutoff for enrollment otherwise. In particular, I understand that I cannot withdraw from Math 199 without also withdrawing from Math 231 or Math 205.
- I understand that if I need more individualized instruction and help with the algebra prerequisites of Math 231, that I should drop Math 199 and my calculus course, and should enroll in Math 155 before taking calculus.

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