

Information about Math 199 and *MyMathTest*

For all Math 231 students, Fall 2012

Math 199 is a one-credit course that is a Math 231 co-requisite for students with Calculus Placement Scores of 22 or below. All students in Math 231 fit into one of the three categories listed here. At the bottom of the page are instructions for checking your placement score.

First-year 231 students with scores of 22 or below *must* take 199

For students in this category, Math 199 is a required co-requisite to Math 231. If you are a first-year with a Calculus Placement Score of 22 or below, then you are already enrolled in Math 199 and should have received an email already that describes how to purchase the software and access the MyMathTest website. The information from that email is also on the back of this handout.

Upper-level 231 students with scores of 22 or below *can* take 199

In Fall 2012, students in this category have the option of enrolling in Math 199 as a for-credit course, if they so choose, and on a space-available basis. In future semesters *all* Math 231 students with Calculus Placement Scores of 22 or below will be required to take Math 199. Math 199 is a one-credit course consisting of online homework assignments that are to be completed at home, and required proctored tests each Friday evening until all gateway module tests are completed. Students should plan to attend each Friday for about one hour during the 5pm-8pm time period. Students enrolled in Math 199 will also have access to special tutoring sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Math 231 students with scores of 22 or below can register for Math 199 themselves on *MyMadison* or with the help of their academic advisor. More information about the Math 199 course is on the back of this handout.

All 231 students can purchase access to the *MyMathTest* materials

Students with a Calculus Placement Score of 23 or above are not eligible to enroll in Math 199 for credit. Some upper-level students with scores of 22 or below might not be interested in enrolling in Math 199. Both of these types of students have the option of purchasing an access code for the *MyMathTest* online homework and practice materials for just \$10. With this access a student can practice as much or as little algebra as they would like, with no course credit or obligations. Information about purchasing access to *MyMathTest* is on the back of this handout.

How to check your Calculus Placement Score:

Students can check their Calculus Placement Score on *MyMadison* as follows: Go into the *Student* tab, click on *Student Center*, and then under the *Academics* drop-down menu select *View Test Scores*. Students who are third-years and above will likely see only one test score for math, the “Math Placement” score. First-years and Second-years may see two test scores for math; the one that is relevant to Math 199 is the Calculus Placement Score (CPT).

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Structure of Math 199

The official time slot for this one-credit course is Fridays from 5–8pm in Roop 127. You should plan to be at the Friday session for at least one hour each week during the 5–8pm time slot, until you have completed the course. To complete the course you need to successfully pass five Gateway Tests:

1. Calculations and Applications
2. Functions and Graphs
3. Factoring and Simplifying
4. Equations and Inequalities
5. Exponential, Logarithmic, and Trigonometric Functions

Each test has 10 questions and you must get 8 of them completely correct to pass the test. You will take practice versions of these tests at home using the online program *MyMathTest*. Help on the material will be available to you at the Science and Mathematics Learning Center in Roop 200 as well as in two special *MyMathTests* help sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5–8pm in Burruss 030 from the second week until October 17.

Your grade in Math 199 will be determined by the number of weeks that it takes you to pass all five Gateway Tests with scores of 8/10 or better in the proctored Friday evening sessions. You will be allowed to take a Gateway Test only if you have already passed the corresponding Qualifier Test with 8/10 or better on *MyMathTest*. Each Friday you will be allowed up to two attempts on each Gateway Test that you qualify for. You are strongly encouraged to pass all Gateway tests as soon as possible. Grades in the course will be assigned as follows:

A	pass all tests by 9/21	C	pass all tests by 11/2
A-	pass all tests by 9/28	C-	pass all tests by 11/9
B+	pass all tests by 10/5	C-	pass all tests by 11/16 (second chance!)
B	pass all tests by 10/12	-	(Thanksgiving - no tests on 11/23)
B-	pass all tests by 10/19	D	pass all tests by 11/30
C+	pass all tests by 10/26	F	tests not passed by 11/30

How to register for the course and online software:

In Math 199 we will be using the online program *MyMathTest*. You will need to **purchase an access code** and then **register for the online course**. If you are taking Math 199 for credit then you will also have **to register for Math 199** on your *MyMadison* account.

How to purchase an access code:

- Go to www.mymathtest.com. Click “Buy Now”.
- Follow the instructions to create a Pearson account.
- When asked for your school zip code, type 22807, and then select JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY.
- The cost for the access code is 10 dollars, and is payable by credit card or PayPal. After payment, you will be provided with an access code that should look something like this: SIMPLE-FRILL-TONLE-WEIRS-CHOIR-FLEES.

How to register for the online course:

- Go to www.mymathtest.com. Click on “Register”.
- Enter your username, password, and access code.
- Click “Log in now” and then enter MyMathTest.
- To join our course, enter the Program ID: XL0W-51UO-801Z-30W2.