

# MATHEMATICS PLACEMENT

**Do you know which math class you should take?** Be sure to first check with **your major adviser(s)** to determine an appropriate mathematics course for your major. One way to determine which courses you are qualified to take is by ACT Math, SAT Math or COMPASS Math scores. See the chart below to determine which courses you are eligible to take.

<b>Group</b>	<b>ACT Math</b>		<b>SAT Math</b>		<b>Compass</b>	<b>You can take</b>
Mth1	0 – 18	or	200 - 460	or	Algebra < 36	Math 108, 123*
Mth2	19 – 21	or	470 - 510	or	36 ≤ Algebra < 61 or College Algebra < 45	Math 108, 123*, 130*
Mth3	22 – 26	or	520 - 600	or	Algebra ≥ 61 or 45 ≤ College Algebra < 49	Math 108, 123*, 130*, 143
Mth4	27 – 28	or	610 - 640	or	49 ≤ College Algebra < 51	Math 108, 123*, 130*, 143, 160*
Mth5	29 – 36	or	650 - 800	or	College Algebra ≥ 51 <b>and</b> Trigonometry ≥ 51	Math 108, 123*, 130*, 143, 160*, 170, 176*

**\* WARNING:** Do not automatically enroll in the “highest” math course available based on your exam scores. Many courses (including Math 123, Math 130, Math 160, and Math 176) are terminal courses and do not provide the prerequisite preparation needed for other required courses. Check with your adviser and/or the Math department to determine which course is best for you.

In order to support and improve the success of our students the Mathematics Department has updated its override policy. Effective immediately the Mathematics Department will be following pre-requisite requirements as described in the course catalog without exception.

- Overrides will be provided only to those students who have satisfied the pre-requisites either by having completed the prerequisite course or having sufficient exam scores. If the student has documentation showing updated exam scores or unofficial transcripts they should come to the mathematics main office or submit transcript or scores by fax/email for the override. We must see the updated scores to provide the override. We will no longer be able to give overrides to students who are "on track" to complete the pre-requisites for a course. Please send email messages requesting overrides to [math@uidaho.edu](mailto:math@uidaho.edu) with official scores or transcripts.
- If a student does not feel their exam scores accurately portray their mathematical experience they will need to take a compass math test to be re-evaluated.
- If a student believes he or she would test into a course higher than Math 170 they will need to contact the mathematics main office to be evaluated. To place into a course above Math 170, a student will need to have proof of successful completion of pre-requisite courses on an official or unofficial transcript.

If you are not satisfied with your ACT or SAT placement, you are strongly encouraged to **CHALLENGE YOUR PLACEMENT** by scoring high enough on the computerized **COMPASS** math test.

**To take the Compass Placement Exams** at UI go to the UI Counseling and Testing Center, 306 Continuing Education Building, 885-6716. The exam is also given at all universities and colleges in Idaho, and at many throughout the U.S. Ask them to forward your results to the UI Admissions Office and the Mathematics Department.

**If you have any questions, please contact the Mathematics Office at 208-885-6742.**