

After Taking the Test



Retaking Tests

- » You must wait at least seven (7) days before retaking the same math placement test.
- » You don't need to wait if you want to take a different math placement test.
- » You may take each version of the math placement test up to three (3) times.

Next Steps

- » If possible, print the results of the test to bring to your advisor.
- » Your advisor will help you choose a math class that is appropriate for your degree, based on your math placement score and your background in mathematics.
- » After the semester starts, if you find that your math class is too easy or too hard for you, talk to your math professor and your advisor to find a more appropriate course. You will have a few days at the beginning of the semester to adjust your schedule with no penalty.

Tips!

- ✓ Give yourself 90 minutes to complete the test.
- ✓ Bring a pencil and paper.
- ✓ Remember that you are not allowed to use a calculator.

Network Username and Password

You will need your network username and password in order to take the test. If you don't know your username and password, follow these steps:

If you haven't done so already, set your VIP ID Password by following these instructions. Go to my.sc.edu/vipid/. Click on the first option: **I am a new user who has never used my VIP ID and need to establish my password.** Use the VIP ID and USC ID that you received in your acceptance letter. If you have questions, contact the USC Lancaster Admissions Office at 803-313-7073.

Next, find your Network Username and Password by following these instructions. Go to my.sc.edu, but do not log in. Scroll down to the section labeled **Personal**. Click the second link: **View my IDs and Manage my Passwords.** You will be required to log in using your VIP ID and password. After you have logged in, all of your IDs will be displayed. The heading will say **Your USC Identifiers.** The second identifier will be your Network Username. To set the password to your network username, click on **Manage Password.** If you have questions, contact the USC Helpdesk at 803-777-1800.



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Guide to the Math Placement Test



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USC Lancaster's Guide to the Math Placement Test

Overview

The math placement test is administered online and should be taken before meeting with your advisor. There are two versions of the test:

- » The Algebra Math Placement Test covers high school level Algebra II.
- » The Precalculus Math Placement Test covers high school level Precalculus and Trigonometry.

Take the test that best represents your background in math. If you aren't sure, you can take both tests.

Don't have Internet access? No problem! Take the test at the USCL Medford Library. You may phone the library at 803-313-7060 to learn about their hours and computer usage policies.

Accessing the Test

Take the test online at: math.sc.edu/mathematics-placement-tests.

Read all instructions carefully before taking the test.

Results will be posted on **Self-Service Carolina (my.sc.edu)** within three (3) business days. If the results are not posted, please email Dr. Alhaddad at alhaddad@mailbox.sc.edu or call USCL Admissions at **803-313-7073**.

Is the Test Required?

A math placement score is required before registering for any class with a MATH prefix. Your score may also be used for placement into some math-related subjects, such as statistics, science, nursing and business.

Exemptions

A math placement score is not needed in the following situations:

- » AP credit for the Calculus AB or BC test. (Minimum score of 3.)
- » IB credit in Mathematics. (Minimum score of 4.)
- » Transfer or dual credit that has been accepted as a USCL MATH course. (Minimum grade of C.)

Note that AP, IB and transfer credit might not be processed before you meet with your advisor. In this case, we recommend that you take the Math Placement Test and use the result to discuss your options with your advisor. You should also tell your advisor about your pending credit. When your credit becomes available, you can adjust your schedule, if necessary.

Tip!

Take the sample test before taking the test! Sample tests are available at math.sc.edu/online-resources



Interpreting Scores

Your advisor will help you interpret your scores. Your advisor may also use information you provide about your background in math to help find a course that is appropriate for you. The general interpretations of scores are as follows:

Algebra Test

Score	Appropriate Course	Optional Lower-Level Courses
0-3	RCAM 105 or retake Columbia Algebra Placement	
4-7	MATH 111i	RCAM 105
8-13	MATH 111	MATH 111i
14-26	MATH 112, 122, 170, 174, 221; STAT 201, 205, 206	MATH 111i, 111

Precalculus Test

Score	Appropriate Course	Optional Lower-Level Courses
0-6	Take Columbia Algebra Placement	RCAM 105
7-18	MATH 112, 115	MATH 111i, 111
19-33	CSCE 145; MATH 122, 141, 170, 174, 221; STAT 201, 205, 206	MATH 111i, 111, 112, 115