

2026 OSU Math Quick Reference & Orientation Reminders

1. **Math Quick Reference Site.** Where can OSU Academic Advisors get quick links on key Math Advising information, policies, and procedures?

[Math Quick Ref WEBSITE](#) (for Advisors)

[AU26 Orientation-Math Advising WEBSITE](#) (for Students)

Math Advisors general EMAIL : mathadvisors@math.osu.edu

For all Math Placement Test questions, EMAIL: ASC-mpt@osu.edu

2. **Math Placement Test (MPT):** Who must take the MPT for AU26?
 - a. ALL incoming Engineering students must take the MPT ... both freshmen & transfers, even if they have AP or transfer credit
 - b. All other incoming students (both freshmen and transfers) must take the MPT, unless they have an equivalent OSU Math course credit.
 - Students with only Math-SPL credit and/or Math-Gen must take the MPT.
 - Students with only Math 1116 or 1149 needing higher level math must also take the MPT.
3. **Math Placement B-Test and D-Test.**
 - a. Students are automatically assigned the MPT B-Test or D-Test.
 - b. Students who did not submit an ACT/SAT score when applying to OSU are automatically assigned the B-Test.
 - c. Students with placement score N35 – N40 on the B Test (lower level), **must** then take the D Test (higher level) to complete their placement.
 - d. The Math Placement, Codes of L, M, N, R, S, T correspond to the classes the student is eligible to take. ([See Math Placement Test Codes](#))
 - e. If a student obtains a placement score 'U', the student will be prompted to retake the placement test electronically.
 - f. If a student has technical difficulties with the online test, have them email ASC-mpt@osu.edu
 - g. After the semester begins, students request an MPT test referral from ASC-mpt@osu.edu
4. **Free Autumn Proficiency Exam on Campus.** Students who want to test out of the course into which they were placed based on MPT can take a [free Proficiency Exam](#) on campus in August.
5. **Remediation Free:** According to the State of Ohio Law, a student is not required to take remedial math (Math 1050 and/or Math 1075) regardless of the student's score on the OSU Math Placement Test if the student earned one of the following:
 - ACT Mathematics score of 22 or higher
 - Math SAT (MTHSN) score of 530 or higher
 - Score of 55CLM (College Level Math) on the College Board's Accuplacer tests
 - 263 or higher on the QAS or AAF Accuplacer Next Gen tests
 - 26 on the Basic Algebra Test (MBALG) on the MapleSoft T.A.
 - 46 on ALEKS for Math
 - 18 on PlaceU (WebAssign) for Math

Note: Official ACT/SAT scores must appear on the student's advising report.

6. **“AU26 Orientation - Math Advising” webpage for all incoming students.** Incoming students will have access to the **Autumn 2026 Orientation Math Advising webpage**, which provides guidance on OSU Math course eligibility. It includes info on:
- Interpreting Math Placement Test Results
 - AP Math Credit
 - Transfer Credit & Dual Enrollment Credit
 - [Math Requirements for All Majors](#)
 - Calculus Options & HONORS Calc Options
 - Calculus Advising Instructions
7. **Calculus Advising by OSU Math faculty.** Calculus Advising by OSU Math faculty occurs on Day 1 of Orientation from 4pm-5pm **and requires completion of a Questionnaire** (available May onward). The Questionnaire link and instructions will appear in the Orientation Schedule. Once a student completes the Questionnaire, based on their responses, they will automatically receive one of two messages:
- a. A message providing the location of the Day 1, 4-5pm Calculus Advising session (*primarily for those students interested in Honors Calculus or higher-level math*). First come, first served.
 - b. A message with a link to the new [AU26 Orientation - Math Advising](#) student-focused webpage, which shares standard math pathways students can review before Day 2 scheduling.
8. **Permissions for Math 1120-1121 (Precalculus with Review I & II).** [Math 1120](#)-1121 pre-Calc with review is a fast-paced sequence primarily designed to accelerate high-level R math placement STEM students (e.g., R-24, R-25, R-26) who need to complete Math 1151 Calculus I or beyond.
- a. *“The Math 1120-21 series is recommended for students who meet the specified criteria above who are willing to do the extra work (content of 3 courses in 2 terms). Since Math 1120 is only offered in the fall term, a student who does not pass math 1120 with a C- or better, would need to take Math 1075 in the following spring term.*
 - b. An Academic advisor can fulfill the “Permission Only” requirement and add a student to Math 1120 provided the student meets the eligibility criteria, and the advisor confirms in OnCourse that the message above has been shared with the student.
9. **NEW Pilot Co-requisite Course – AU26 Math 1193: Individual Studies in Mathematics.** For AU26, there is an opportunity for 70 students with high R Math placement to enroll in [Math 1148 \(College Algebra\)](#) with concurrent enrollment in [Math 1193 \(Individual Studies in Math\)](#) where “just-in-time” academic support aligned with the College Algebra course content will be provided.
- a. **Target Population:** High Math Placement Level R students (R-23, R-24, R-25 or R-26) **who are not remediation free** (i.e., ACT math sub scores below 22, or SAT math sub scores below 530), AND who do not already have credit for Math 1075, 1130, 1148, or higher coursework.
 - b. **Purpose:** To provide immediate access to the credit bearing College Algebra course with additional support to those enrolled.
 - c. **Permissions:** An Academic advisor can fulfill the “Permission Only” requirement and enroll students with high R placement into the Math 1148 section provided they first add them to one of the following hidden Math 1193 sections (with Bill Husen listed as instructor):
 - Section 0020, Class# 38025, F 11:30AM, BO 124
 - Section 0030, Class# 38026, F 12:40 PM, BO 124

Note:

- The Math 1120-1121 sequence is for STEM students who need Math 1151.
- The Math 1193+1148 combo is for students with high R placement who need college algebra credit (or in cases such as their plan allows them to take either 1148 or 1130)

10. Permissions for [Math 1140-1141 – Calculus I with Review \(Parts 1 & 2\)](#). This sequence is targeted for freshmen with MPT L 13-16 (low L) or MPT M 11-12 (high M) who took Calc in high school with no college credit. This is intended for STEM majors who will move beyond Math 1151. Some seats will be set aside for students struggling in Math 1151 who want to drop down after their first midterm. **Permissions:** Academic Advisors are permitted to enroll eligible students into this pilot course provided the student meets the criteria indicated above.

11. Advanced Placement (AP) Math Scores:

- a. All freshmen should take the OSU math placement test regardless of credit they *might* bring in.
- b. Students are encouraged to take the MPT even after scores are available. MPT provides information on precalculus skills which is an indicator of success in a math course.
- c. See also [AP scores](#) and [A-Level credit](#).

12. NEW IB Information for 2026. Starting in the Autumn 2026 term, incoming Ohio State students who score at least a 5 on a Standard Level IB exam or a 4 on a Higher Level exam will receive college credit. This policy is not retroactive and applies only to scores sent from students first enrolling in Autumn 2026 or later. See the [Registrar's IB page](#) for details

13. NFYS Math Course Prerequisite Review. After the 2026 AP scores are released, the Math Department will be conducting math pre-req checks for all NFYS students enrolled in a math class. Students who don't qualify for a course will be flagged. For each flagged student in your unit, please move them to the proper math class **ASAP!** See [Math Quick Ref site](#) for instructions.

14. Math Transfer Credit:

- a. Taking Math Classes at Another Institution. For unevaluated math transfer credit, students must compile the requested information (e.g., course syllabus) and submit using the [Transfer Credit Evaluation Request Form](#). ***Transfer credit requests may take 3-4 weeks to process, so remind students to submit materials early.***
- b. Transferring Math Credit to OSU and Enrolling in Further Coursework. Students must complete the [Math Transfer Credit Prerequisite Verification Form](#) to receive permission to enroll in a math course if their transfer credit has not been posted to Buckeye Link. Advisors may not verify final grades themselves. Students must complete the pre-req course and have proof of a final letter grade prior to submitting this form. Math Advising will review the info and post permission to enroll in OnCourse if request is approved.
- c. Questions?..... If Advisors have questions about students' math transfer credit, send a list of students a few days before orientation to mathadvisors@math.osu.edu
- d. CSCC Math 1099 will transfer in as OSU Math 1040, 1050, 1060, or 1075 depending upon which modules the student completes. See: <https://math.osu.edu/undergrad/transfer-credit/csc-1099>

15. Reminders on Scheduling Math Classes, Overrides at Orientation:

- a. **Anticipated 2026 AP Scores July:** For incoming freshmen with anticipated 2026 AP credit, students are permitted to be overridden into courses based on 2026 predicted scores **through mid-July**. Any AP Calculus scores from 2025 should already be on file. Incorrect placements will be caught during our Prereq Check.
- b. **After July AP scores available:** For incoming freshmen after July scores are available, *no overrides permitted without math department permission* (have student submit [Math Prereq Verification Form](#) to provide proof of scores).
- c. **Transfer Credit** - *no overrides permitted without math department permission* (have student submit [Math Prereq Verification Form](#) to provide proof of transfer credit). Remind students bringing in dual enrollment credit (e.g. CCP) that they must have college transcript, not high school records.

16. Permissions into Courses:

- a. Math Advising provides permission to enroll in courses (not instructors). We do not use OSU Enrollment Permission Form.
- b. If permission is needed during the beginning of a semester, the Math Advising Office will enroll the student into the course. If you receive an Enrollment Permission Form, please do not process the form; instead, please send the student to Math Advising.
- c. Permissions will be indicated in OnCourse as ***“The Math Dept. provides permission to enroll in Math 1151 for the Autumn 2026 semester.”***

17. Math Course Schedule Changes:

- a. Week 1 – Open enrollment. Help freshmen make section changes if courses are open. Ensure both the lecture and recitation are open. **DO NOT OVERRIDE CLASS LIMITS.**
- b. Week 2 & beyond – Check [scheduling website](#) for instructions & deadlines by course.
 - i. Late Add Week 2 – Visit Math Advising to start process. Do not bother instructors for permission!
 - ii. Late add after Week 2 – Will not be approved, except for extenuating circumstances and only if they have been attending class.
 - iii. Dropping down a level – Send students to Math Advising. Different topics (calc -> precalc) preferably by week 2. See link above for section change deadlines.

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