

Math Placement Decision Tree

Start Here: Has it been more than 3 years since your last math course?

- **YES** → You should take the placement test
- **NO** → Follow the steps below

Step 1: Is your major NON-STEM? (Examples: Nursing, Liberal Arts, Criminal Justice, Education, Business Studies, Hospitality, etc.)

- **YES** → You likely **do NOT need a placement test**
 - Your math placement will be based on your high school coursework and GPA
 - Required course is either **Math for Liberal Arts (MAT-120)** or **Elementary Statistics I (MAT-125)**.
- **MAYBE**- check here to find which math your program requires (https://www.mccc.edu/programs_degree.shtml)
 - If the program has MAT-120 or MAT-125 as its math requirement then you do not need the math placement test.
 - If the program includes a math *requirement other than* MAT-120 or MAT-125 then continue below.
- **NO** → (STEM or algebra-based program) **Continue to Step 2**

Step 2: Do you have SAT or AP scores?

- **SAT Math 530 or higher?**
 - **YES** → You can take a college-level math course (**no placement test needed**)
 - **NO** → **Continue**
- **AP Scores?**
 - **If YES** →
 - **AP Calculus (3+)** → means you are eligible for **algebra/pre-calc math (MAT-146, MAT-140, MAT-115)**
 - *If you would like to determine your eligibility for a higher level of math (e.g., Calculus I), you will need to complete the placement test.*
 - **AP Statistics (3+)** → means you are eligible for **statistics math (MAT-120, MAT-125)**
- **If NO** → **Continue to Step 3**

Step 3: What math did you take in high school?

- Took Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus with **C or higher?**
 - **YES** → means you are eligible for **algebra/pre-calc math (MAT-146, MAT-140, MAT-115)**
 - *If you would like to determine your eligibility for a higher level of math (e.g., Calculus I), you will need to complete the placement test.*
 - **NO** → You should take the placement test
- Took Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus with **lower than C or only Algebra 1?**
 - You should take the placement test

When unsure if you should take the math placement test, visit the enrollment center on 2nd floor of Student Center building.