



Math 98 and Math 99 Memorandum

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To: All Math 98 and Math 99 Students

Cc: Helen Valdez, Chair of Mathematics
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Re: Final Exam

In addition to the final exam which your instructor will give you during regular class time, you must take the Math COMPASS test. It will count as 5% of your Final Exam grade, and you will have to take it outside of your regular class time.

All Math 98 and Math 99 students must take the Math COMPASS exam between Saturday, April 25 and Friday, May 8 in the Assessment Center.

We encourage you to come during the first week to avoid long lines and a long wait.

You may arrive at the Assessment Center (located in L912) at the following times:

- **Monday to Thursday 9:00 to 5:00***
* 9:00 to 6:00 for sections PQ, STVY, TU, TVY, Z, WAB
- **Friday 9:00 to 2:00**
- **Saturday 9:00 to 1:00**
- **Sunday: CLOSED**

The ending time each day represents the time that the last exam will be given.

You do not need to pre-register. **Present your student I.D. or state driver's license** at the Assessment Center. COMPASS results will be sent to your instructor by e-mail. Full credit will be given for passing scores (Algebra score 29 for Math 98, or 49 for Math 99). No credit will be given for lower scores.

You may use a calculator on the COMPASS test, but not a graphing calculator. If you do not bring an appropriate calculator, there are calculator functions on the computer which you may use for the test.

Please be aware that the COMPASS test may give you questions that you may not have seen in your current math class. This is to be expected, because it is designed as a placement test. You are not expected to get such questions correct.

Your next math class

If you do not get a final grade of "C" in your current course and you do not pass the COMPASS exam (Algebra score 29 for Math 98, or 49 for Math 99), then you must repeat the course you are now in, unless your placement was incorrect and you should instead take the previous course.

You may move to your next math class if either your final grade is "C" or you pass the COMPASS exam. However, *if you meet only one of these requirements*, it is strongly recommended that you see your instructor, another faculty member of the math department, or a college advisor to determine whether you should instead repeat your current course.

After successfully completing Math 98, you should take Math 99.

After successfully completing Math 99, you are eligible to take any of the following courses: Math 118, Math 121, Math 125, Math 140 (if desired, at the same time as Math 141), or Math 143. Please talk to your instructor, other math department faculty members, or a college advisor to determine which course is appropriate for you.

Finally, to assist you in your studying, the math department has prepared review questions which you can find on the Web as follows. These files are in PDF format.

Math 98: <http://faculty.ccc.edu/colleges/truman/math/FinalReview9801.pdf>

Math 99: <http://faculty.ccc.edu/colleges/truman/math/FinalReview9901.pdf>