

Spring 2010 UWP Mathematics Test-Out Exams

If you believe that your mathematics placement score does not accurately represent your present mathematics ability level, then you may want to take a mathematics test-out exam in the mathematics course that you are placed into. **As you register for classes, you should sign up for the mathematics course corresponding to your placement level.** In the future, if you take and pass the test-out exam, then you will be moved into the next highest mathematics course. When deciding whether or not to try a test-out exam, please keep in mind that “testing out” of a course means that you have complete mastery and recall of the skills in that course. Simply completing or passing a class in high school does not guarantee that you will not need to repeat that class in college. The placement level gives us an indication of what you *remember* from that class. For example, if you have taken precalculus in high school but cannot recall algebra and trigonometry facts and cannot remember how to do problems in this course, then you should retake precalculus in college and not try to test-out of the course. It is better to spend a semester in college reviewing material from high school than taking a course where you do not remember prerequisite material and therefore do poorly in the course. Remember, the term “prerequisite” means that mastery of skills is assumed. So, for example, since precalculus is a prerequisite course for calculus, it will be assumed that the material studied in precalculus has been mastered by the student and these skills will not be reviewed in the calculus course.

A test-out exam is 2 hours long and can only be taken once. Therefore, if you decide to take a test-out exam, then you are strongly encouraged to carefully review the material covered on the test-out exam before you take the test. A list of topics covered on each test-out exam can be found at <http://www.uwplatt.edu/math/courses.htm> and then clicking on the appropriate course. The Mathematics Department does not provide any review materials for test-out exams.

Mathematics Test-Out Dates for Spring 2010:

- Tuesday, January 19 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Ottensman Hall, Room 115.
(Please arrive by 2:50 p.m.)

To register for a mathematics test-out exam at UW-Platteville on January 19, contact the Mathematics Department Office at (608) 342-1741 or e-mail mcdonaju@uwplatt.edu. Please provide your name, mailing address, phone number, and the date you are registering for. You **MUST** pay for the cost of the exam (cash or check only) on the day of the exam. We will collect the non-refundable fee immediately before the exam begins. You will **NOT** be allowed to take the test-out exam until you have paid the test-out fee which is \$20 per credit.

Test-out exam costs: Math 10 – Elementary Algebra (\$60)
Math 15 – Intermediate Algebra (\$60)
Math 1530 – College Algebra (\$60)
Math 2450 – Precalculus (\$100)
Math 2530 – Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry (\$60)
Math 2640 – Calculus and Analytic Geometry I (\$80)

Bring the following items with you to the test-out exam:

1. Pencil with eraser
2. Calculator (Please see calculator policy below for appropriate calculator)
3. Cash or check (made out to UW-Platteville) for the appropriate amount listed above.

Calculator Policy for Test-Out Exams

Math 10 – Elementary Algebra (Scientific calculator only, but TI-30XS or 34 MultiView calculator is not allowed; graphing calculator is not allowed)

Math 15 – Intermediate Algebra (Scientific calculator only, but TI-30XS or 34 MultiView calculator is not allowed; graphing calculator is not allowed)

Math 1530 – College Algebra (TI-83, 84, 85, 86, or the TI-Nspire with TI-84 keypad, or equivalent is allowed; TI-89, 92, or the TI-Nspire with CAS keypad, or equivalent is not allowed)

Math 2450 – Precalculus (TI-83, 84, 85, 86, or the TI-Nspire with TI-84 keypad, or equivalent is allowed; TI-89, 92, or the TI-Nspire with CAS keypad, or equivalent is not allowed)

Math 2530 – Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry (TI-83, 84, 85, 86, or the TI-Nspire with TI-84 keypad, or equivalent is allowed; TI-89, 92, or the TI-Nspire with CAS keypad, or equivalent is not allowed)

Math 2640 – Calculus and Analytic Geometry I (TI-83, 84, 85, 86, or the TI-Nspire with TI-84 keypad, or equivalent is allowed; TI-89, 92, or the TI-Nspire with CAS keypad, or equivalent is not allowed)

Mathematics Department Test-Out Policies

- a) A test-out exam is given by the Mathematics Department on the UWP campus.
- b) A student may not take a test-out exam for a UWP mathematics course in which the student has already been assigned a grade. However, a student is still eligible to take a test-out exam for a course in the Mathematics Department from which the student has withdrawn.
- c) The fee for a test-out exam in the Mathematics Department is \$20 per credit hour.
- d) A student will earn credit for a course if the student scores 70% or better on the test-out exam for that course.
- e) A test-out exam, once failed, may not be repeated.
- f) The Mathematics Department adheres to the guidelines related to test-out exams as printed in the University undergraduate catalog.