

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CORPUS CHRISTI

Math Placement Exams

Students who wish to challenge their math course placement at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi may take a departmental placement exam in the Office of Academic Testing. The student must get a referral from the Administrative Assistant for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics under the approval of the Department Chair. Referrals are granted only after all available options to gain admittance to a course are exhausted. The placement recommendations are valid for one year at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

There are three placement examinations provided by the Department of Mathematics. The first is the *Algebra & Core Test (a timed 40-minute exam)*, which is used to determine which courses from level one through level four mathematics are recommended for a student. These different math levels can be found at <u>http://math.tamucc.edu/placement.html</u>. A student cannot place into Calculus I based on performance on this exam. The second placement exam is the *Calculus Readiness Test (a timed 30-minute exam)* which is used to determine if a student should register for Calculus I. The third placement exam is used to determine if a student has sufficient mastery of Calculus I content to place into Calculus II. This test would be administered by and scored by the Department Chair. There is no fee to take this third placement exam.

It is the responsibility of the student to schedule a test appointment with the Office of Academic Testing. The \$10 math placement exam fee must be paid online (<u>http://testing.tamucc.edu</u>) prior to test date. This fee applies to the Algebra & Core Test and the Calculus Readiness Test.

Exam Rules: The student is **not** permitted the use of any electronic devices (ex. cell phones) or testing aids (ex. calculators). The student may have a single piece of scratch paper. The exam must be completed without breaks.

<u>Retest Policy</u>: Students should be aware that they are only permitted to take the placement test once. Appeals to the retest policy will be made to the Math Department Chair. The appeal should explain why they believe a second attempt would improve their initial placement recommendation.

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics will notify students of their suggested placement.

If you have a question about testing dates, please contact the Office of Academic Testing at (361) 825-2334. To find out information specific to the exam, please contact the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at (361) 825-3754.