Shippensburg University – Placement Testing

Options for Students Testing at Level 5 in Mathematics

Congratulations! You scored into Level 5.

Since you are strong in math, it is advised that you consider a math-related major/minor OR education major!

You will build your first semester schedule based on major/interest area. If you have declared, or are interested in Biology, Business (all majors), Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Engineering (all types), Mathematics, Middle-Level Education majors and Physics, you will almost certainly be taking math your first semester. If not, you should meet with your advisor during the drop/add period to determine if changes are needed.

People with other majors/interests may choose not to register into a math class the first semester. If you chose not to register for a math class, you should consult with your academic advisor about whether a math class is required, the appropriate math class to take, and the appropriate time to take it.

If you have declared or are interested in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math, Computer Science, Engineering (all types) or Teacher Education (middle school certification), you are required to take MAT175: Pre-calculus (level 5). Students with an adequate background in the prerequisite material for Pre-calculus are strongly encouraged to take The Optional Math Test. This may allow you to begin in MAT211: Calculus and avoid taking the prerequisite courses.

The Optional Math Test

The Math Department and Testing Center has designed a self-paced, online placement test that can be taken, reviewed, and retaken, AT HOME, up to four times in order to refine your entry into MAT175: Pre-calculus, or MAT211: Calculus, according to your mathematical abilities.

Visit our website at https://www.ship.edu/Testing/Optional_Testing/ for additional information. If you have questions about this option or wish to request to take the Optional Math Test, please contact Testing@ship.edu using your SU email account.