2010 Important Information about Writing, Foreign Language, and Mathematics Requirements

No matter what your major is at CCSU, mathematics and writing will be a part of your coursework. You will also need to satisfy the foreign language requirement. The following information is provided to help you understand these requirements and how your placement in required courses is determined. You should be familiar with this information prior to completion of the online First Year Registration Form.

**Mathematics Requirement**

All CCSU students are required to complete at least two courses beyond Intermediate Algebra (MATH 101). There are different mathematics course requirements for each major. You will learn more about this during your Advising Day Program. Your SAT Math score is used to determine your eligibility for your first math course. If you believe you are prepared for a higher level math course than your SAT Math score indicates, you may choose to take the Math Placement Exam. (See Frequently Asked Questions for more information.)

The chart that follows indicates the courses you are eligible to take based on your SAT Math score and your high school math background. Mathematics course descriptions are found on-line at www.math.ccsu.edu. If your SAT Math score is above 550, you are exempt from taking both MATH 099 and MATH 101.

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<th>Level</th>
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| A     | 450 or below   | MATH 099: Elementary Algebra  
Review of fundamental algorithms of whole numbers, integers, rational numbers, and elementary algebra. |
| B     | 460 to 490     | MATH 099: Elementary Algebra  
OR YOU MAY CHOOSE TO TAKE  
MATH 101 Combination, a course that combines the content of MATH 099 with the content of MATH 101 |
| C     | 500 to 540     | MATH 101: Intermediate Algebra  
Review and extension of elementary algebra. A study of functions including their algebraic properties and graphs. Quadratic equations and inequalities are solved and graphed. |
| D     | 550 and above   | Math or statistics courses with MATH 101 as prerequisite, which may be determined by requirements of chosen major. |
| E     | 600 and above with pre-calculus or calculus in high school with a grade of B or better | Math or statistics courses with MATH 101 or MATH 119 as prerequisite, which may be determined by requirements of chosen major. |
| F     | Advanced Placement exam credit for Calculus AB (equivalent to MATH 152) | Math or statistics courses with MATH 101, MATH 119, or MATH 152 as prerequisite, which may be determined by the requirements of chosen major. |

**English Requirement**

All entering students are required to take Freshman Composition (ENG 110), which is an introductory course in expository writing, unless exempt due to previous coursework. A score of 450 on the Writing portion of the SAT (or 21 on the ACT) is needed to enroll in Freshman Composition. If your SAT Writing score is below 450 (or 21 on the ACT), you will be required to complete Remedial English (ENG
which focuses on improvement of basic writing skills, prior to taking ENG 110. Student writing is assessed during the first week of class. Course adjustments may be made if, based on the writing assessment, it is determined that a student is enrolled in the wrong writing course.

**CSU Board of Trustees Proficiency Requirement at CCSU**

Elementary Algebra (MATH 099) and Remedial English (ENG 099) are designed to provide students needing reinforcement with the proficiency in English and Mathematics necessary to undertake college-level courses. If you are required to take one of these courses, it must be successfully completed within your first 24 credits taken at CCSU or you will not be allowed to register for courses at CCSU or any other CSU institution. You may complete this requirement at CCSU, at a special reduced rate, during the summer prior to your first year. (See *Frequently Asked Questions* for more information.)

**Foreign Language Requirement**

The foreign language requirement can be satisfied in any one of the following ways:

1. Three sequential years of one foreign language at the high school level.
2. Elementary proficiency as demonstrated by successfully completing a 2nd semester-level CCSU foreign language course (112 or 118). Students with no previous background in a language must take the 1st and 2nd semesters (111 and 112, or 118); students who place out of 111 due to previous background in the language may satisfy the requirement by taking 112 only.
3. Passing the CLEP, a standardized examination that demonstrates knowledge of a foreign language equivalent to completion of a 2nd semester course or higher.
4. Successful completion of a foreign language course at a level higher than the 2nd semester level.
5. Demonstration of native proficiency in a language other than English (requires evaluation of skill level by an appropriate faculty member and/or official documentation, and approval by the Chair of the Department of Modern Languages).

**A placement exam in foreign language** is required if you wish to continue studying the same language you studied in high school and/or if you have not met the University language requirement. Spanish placement exams are offered by The Learning Center. Check the Modern Language Department website at [www.modlang.ccsu.edu](http://www.modlang.ccsu.edu) or call (860) 832-2875 for further details regarding placement testing other than Spanish.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Should I take a Mathematics Placement Exam?**
Consider taking a placement exam if you think, after reading the course descriptions, you are prepared to succeed in a higher-level course than the one you are eligible to take. Mathematics course descriptions are found online at [www.math.ccsu.edu](http://www.math.ccsu.edu). If you are taking algebra II or higher in your senior year, you might consider taking the mathematics placement exam.

**How do I go about taking a Spanish or Mathematics Placement Exam?**
Placement Exams are offered by The Learning Center. Call (860) 832-1900 to sign up for a placement exam.

**What if I want to take courses in a language other than Spanish?**
Check the Modern Language Department website at [www.modlang.ccsu.edu](http://www.modlang.ccsu.edu) or call (860) 832-2875 for further details regarding placement testing other than Spanish.

**How will I know which math class to take in the spring?**
An academic advisor will enroll you in the appropriate math course, based on the major you indicate on your online First Year Registration Form. You will learn more about your curriculum when you come to your Advising Day Program.
My Math SAT is 460-490, should I choose the MATH 101 Combination course?
The MATH 101 Combination course combines both MATH 099 and 101. It meets 5 hours each week and covers an extensive amount of material. You should choose the MATH 101 Combination course if you are highly motivated and are willing to put in the extra effort. The benefit of successfully completing the Combination course is that you will satisfy the MATH 101 prerequisite, in a single semester, needed for other college level courses.