

WSU Math Assessment and Placement Policy

Effective Spring 2006

1. *Placement:* Beginning Spring 2006 every new student with an ACT math subscore less than 23 will take ACCUPLACER to determine their initial math course(s). It is recommended that students review basic math skills before taking the placement test. A \$10 fee will be charged for each assessment test. Students are not allowed to register for any course(s) before taking all applicable tests. Students who enrolled at WSU prior to Spring Semester 2006 will not be affected by the policies set forth in this document.

2. *Enrollment:* All students must enroll and not withdraw from their initial developmental course(s) within the first two semesters. Those students who do not enroll for a developmental math course in their first semester will be required to register for math the next semester (excluding summer) to avoid a registration hold. Students are then required to enroll in developmental courses and make progress each subsequent semester (excluding summer) until the institutional Quantitative Literacy requirement is met. Students not complying with this policy will have a hold placed on their registration which can only be removed by the Academic Advisement Center. Exemptions for students unable to enroll in developmental courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis through the Academic Advisement Center.

3. *Registration Issues:* Since registration for the next semester begins before grades are issued for the current semester, students *may* be uncertain *about* whether they should enroll in the next course in the sequence or re-enroll in the course they are presently taking. Our goal is to help students succeed and move on to the next course. However, if a student does not anticipate receiving a C or better in the current course, that student should re-enroll in the course for the next semester. When grades are recorded it is the students' responsibility to change registration if necessary. Prerequisite checks will be carried out by the university to assure students have met the prerequisites for all math courses and registration will be dropped for students not meeting the prerequisites.

4. *Satisfactory Progress:* Enrollment in any developmental or QL course for more than two consecutive semesters without receiving a satisfactory grade of C or higher is inconsistent with making satisfactory progress toward completion of QL. Withdrawal (W) from a course without fully withdrawing from the University, or an unofficial withdrawal (UW), is counted toward the two-semester limitation. Exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis through the Academic Advisement Center.

5. *Quantitative Literacy:* Quantitative Literacy (QL) is satisfied at WSU by one of the following routes:

1. Completing Math 1030, 1040, 1050 or 1080 with a grade of C or better.
2. Completing any mathematics course with a C or better that has either Math 1050 or 1080 as a prerequisite.
3. An ACCUPLACER score of 70 or higher on the College Level Math (CLM) exam
4. A COMPASS score of 65 or higher on the College Algebra (CA) exam.
5. A score of 3 or higher on the AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam.