

Guidelines for Testing Out of a Class (*Challenging Your Initial Placement*)

New students come into the college at different levels; the level of placement is determined by the scores they make on the ACT, CPT, PERT, or SAT.

- ✓ If the math scores are high enough, the student can take the **CLM (College Level Math)** exam in order to place him or her at the correct level math course.
- ✓ Regardless of the level of math a student is placed, he or she is eligible to try to test-out of (challenge) the course in which they are initially placed. Challenging your initial placement, however, must be done before taking the *first* math class at Santa Fe.
- ✓ Once a student is in the system and taking classes, he or she is no longer eligible to take a test-out for any subsequent course, but may ask the math department chair for special permission in unique situations.

NOTE: Testing-out is not meant to be a way for students to skip required courses. It is meant to be a tool to challenge the level of initial placement.

College-level math students take test-outs in the **G Building Assessment Center**

Location: G-25; phone: 352-395-5509; email: test.center@sfcollge.edu

<http://www.sfcollge.edu/academic-foundations/assessment-center/index>

To move to the next course level, a student must get an 80 or better **without a calculator** (one try only).

Examples:

- ✓ Jane scores a 125 on the math portion of the PERT and because of that high score, she takes the CLM exam.
 - ❖ Jane gets a 62 on the CLM, which places her one level above the usual starting point of MAT1033 (Intermediate Algebra). She can take MAC1105(College Algebra), STA2023 (Intro to Stats), MGF1106 (Topics in Math), MGF1107 (Contemporary Math), or MGF1121 (Math Logic).
 - ❖ Jane is comfortable with college algebra material, so she takes the test-out for MAC1105 to challenge her initial placement. She makes an 80 or better **without a calculator**, which allows her to skip to the next level. Jane does not earn any credit for passing the test-out, but now she can start in MAC1114 (Trigonometry), MAC1140 (Precalculus), MAC1147 (Trig/Precalc), or MAC2233 (Survey of Calculus).
 - ❖ This must, of course, take place during the term of initial placement. Jane cannot take any further test-outs for subsequent math courses.
- ✓ Jack scores a 102 on the math portion of the PERT, which places him into MAT0028 (Developmental Math 2).
 - ❖ Jack thinks he is ready for college-level work, so he studies and takes the PERT ten (10) days later (for a fee). This time, he scores a 114 on the math portion of the PERT, which places him into MAT1033.
 - ❖ Next, Jack takes the test-out for MAT1033, hoping to test high enough to skip the course. But he only gets a 60%, which means he cannot move up to the next level and must register for MAT1033. Jack cannot take any further test-outs for subsequent math courses.