Steps For Determining a UofL Student’s Initial Mathematics Placement

1. **Determine the proper Mathematics course for the student’s major.** All undergraduate degrees at UofL include a course satisfying the Mathematics General Education requirement, but different degrees use different courses to meet this requirement.
   
   A. Most Degrees in the Sciences (Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Biology, BS in Psychology), a B. A. in Economics, a degree in CIS, and all degrees in Engineering require Calculus I (Math 205 or EAC 101)
   
   B. BS in Geography requires Math 190 Precalculus; B. S. in Science-Dentistry requires Math 180 Elements of Calculus or Math 190; B.S. in Political Science requires Math 107 Finite Math or Math 180.
   
   C. Degrees in Business other than in CIS require Mathematics 111 College Algebra; students in Nursing and Pre-Engineering usually take this course too.
   
   D. The BS in Early Elementary Education requires Mathematics 151 and 152.
   
   E. Other degrees allow students to fulfill the requirement with Mathematics 105. These degrees include:
      
      a. All degrees in the Humanities division of A&S, or in the School of Music,
      
      b. All degrees in the College of Education and Human Development other than the BS in Early Elementary Education,
      
      c. All degrees in the Social Sciences division of A&S other than those listed in A. or B.
      
      *Some students seeking these degrees may qualify for and should be encouraged to take a more challenging course.*
   
   F. To remove the possibility of taking an unnecessary course, **undecided students** are encouraged to use **Math 111 for the requirement rather than Math 105. Successful completion of Math 105 does not qualify a student for Math 107, 109, 111 or any Mathematics course for a major listed in A. – D. above.**

2. **Use the chart below to see whether the student’s ACT or SAT I Math Subscore is sufficient for placement in the proper Mathematics course.** If it is, the student may enroll in the desired course.

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<th>Mathematics Course</th>
<th>Math Subscore Needed for Initial Placement</th>
<th>ACT</th>
<th>SAT I</th>
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<td>Math 105 <strong>Supplemented Sections</strong> (40, 41)</td>
<td>19 - 20</td>
<td>460 - 490</td>
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<td>Math 111 <strong>Supplemented Sections</strong> (40-49, 60, 61)</td>
<td>20 – 23</td>
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<td>Math 105 (Regular Sections) or 151</td>
<td>21 - 36</td>
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<td>Math 107, 109, 111 (Regular Sections), 112</td>
<td>23 – 36</td>
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<td>Math 180 or 190</td>
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   *Note: Supplemented Sections of Math 105 and Math 111 meet 5 days per week and require an attendance contract signed during the first class. These sections carry the same tuition and credit as a regular section, and are offered to help students complete their Math requirement without taking a prerequisite course.*

3. **Students whose Math Subscore is not sufficient for the proper course should take a placement exam:**
   
   - Students with ACT Math Subscore of 0–18 (SAT I 200-450) **MUST** take the COMPASS exam. This exam will place the student in MT 055, 065 or 080, or a Mathematics course.
   
   - Students with Math ACT Subscore at least 19 (SAT I at least 460) but less than what is required for their desired course should take the UofL Mathematics Placement Exam. However:
      
      - Students with an ACT Math Subscore of 25-26 (SAT of 580 – 600) who need Math 205 may take the COMPASS Calculus Readiness Test, or take the prerequisite Math 190, or the CLEP Precalculus exam.
      
      - Engineering Students with ACT Math Subscore of at least 23 (SAT I of at least 540) do not take the UofL Math Placement Exam.

4. **If neither the Math Subscore nor the UofL Math Placement/COMPASS Exam score qualify the student for the course identified in Step 1, the student should enroll in a prerequisite for the desired course as shown on the attached chart.**