

The Calculus Readiness Test

Fall 2014

What is the Readiness Test?

The Bulletin prerequisite for MATH 226 is:

Satisfactory completion of ELM requirement, **an acceptable score on the department's Calculus readiness test (instructions will be provided after enrollment)**, and one of the following: MATH 109 or equivalent with a grade of C or better; passing a high school math analysis or pre-calculus class with a grade of B or better.

The readiness test will be given on line. You will have multiple attempts to pass it, but in order to remain enrolled in MATH 226, you must pass all three parts of the readiness test **by noon on September 2**. Failure to do so will result in a DROP by your instructor. (It is still the student's responsibility to make sure that s/he has been dropped—failure to do so could result in a failing grade.)

What does the test cover?

The readiness test covers basic algebra, knowledge of functions, and very basic geometry and trigonometry. Sample problems can be viewed at the following link: calculus.sfsu.edu/ready/sample.pdf.

How is the readiness test taken?

You may take the Readiness Test on line at the following link: calculus.sfsu.edu/ready. The test can be retaken once a day. It has three parts: i) algebra, ii) functions, iii) geometry and trig. You can take a break between each part, but each part needs to be completed within 20 minutes. After passing *algebra*, you will be offered a link to part ii) *functions*. After passing ii) *functions*, you'll get a link to iii) *geometry and trigonometry*. When all three have been passed, you will be issued a Pass Code. You then enter your name, pass code, and section number into a Google form located at:

`calculus.sfsu.edu/ready/submitpasscode`

Failure to report your pass code by noon September 2 will result in your being DROPPED. Please be sure to print retain a copy of your Pass Code for your records. (If you lose it, you might have to retake the test.)

Students with documented special needs should contact their instructor for alternative arrangements.

What should waitlisted students do?

If you are on a waitlist, you should still take the readiness test. Assuming you get a pass code, you can report it to the TA and be added to the class on a space-available basis (as spaces are opened up by Drops). The last day to ADD by permit number is September 9.

If I am DROPPED, can I ADD back into the class after passing the readiness test?

Yes, as long as there is space available. The last day you can re-ADD is September 9.