

## Diligent Performance in MATH 099 Yields Option to Bypass MATH 100

Presently, those students *placed in MATH 099* are expected to successfully complete that course, and take MATH 100 and pass it too in order to satisfy the General Education requirement 'PART A – Competency' (see the Catalog, *General Education Requirements: Natural Sciences and Mathematics*). MATH 100 is a prerequisite to many other mathematics General Education courses and to MATH 128, which is not a General Education course but leads into mathematics General Education courses such as MATH 137.

Starting Fall 2010, the Department of Mathematics is allowing a student of MATH 099, who shows a *sustained, solid performance* in that course, to have the *option* of bypassing MATH 100 and directly going to any mathematics course that has MATH 100 as a prerequisite *in the following term*.

The option will be offered to those diligent students (and only those) who achieve the following:

- Complete the four module Exams with an average of 75% or more; *and*
- Attend class and recitation sessions regularly; *and*
- Receive their instructor's recommendation.

The department then will examine each case and grant the option to each eligible student via email at the end of the semester. After the department learns a student's decision and her/his chosen (specific) section of a *mathematics* General Education or MATH 128 course in the subsequent term, permission to waive the prerequisite of MATH 100 for that section will be electronically entered on the system for the student to proceed and register.

The following are important points:

- Receiving this option is *not* the same as *placement* in a mathematics course whose prerequisite is MATH 100. The chosen mathematics course must be taken *immediately after MATH 099*. If the student drops that course or does not pass it, then the bypassing option will not be available any longer and the student will have to return to taking MATH 100.
- The students permitted to bypass MATH 100 are still required to meet 'PART A – Competency' of the General Education requirements as per the Catalog. (And since it will not be the options (1) or (2), it will be (3): "Receive University credit for a mathematics course which lists MATH 100 as a prerequisite.")
- If a course in a department other than Mathematics lists MATH 100 as a prerequisite, the student interested in that course should consult with that department before choosing the option to bypass MATH 100. (In such cases, the Mathematics Department recommends their mathematics requirement to include "prerequisite of MATH 100, or co-requisite of MATH 123 or MATH 128" if it does not already.)