

Meeting the Math Competency Requirement

It is ***extremely*** important that you do not put off completing this requirement, or you may delay your graduation up to three semesters!

There are several ways to meet the math competency requirement:

1. Take WIU MATH 099 and/or MATH 100
2. Place high enough on a Math Placement test.
If you earn an S in MATH 099, you can take MATH 100.
If you earn a C or better in MATH 100, you will meet the Math Competency requirement.
HOWEVER, MATH 100 does NOT apply to the Natural Science/Math General Education category, so you'd need to take a applicable natural science course or MATH 101 or STAT 171.
3. Take a math competency equivalent course at your local community college or other approved institution.* Note that you will probably have to take a placement test and may need to take one or two prep courses before taking the course that meets this requirement. To search Illinois colleges and universities for mathematics courses, see Transferology at <https://www.transfer.org/uselect/>. Some institutions offer eligible math courses online. *
4. Pass a CLEP, DSST or Excelsior exam that awards credit for one of the math competency courses. For lists of all exams, refer to http://www.wiu.edu/global_education/bgs/options.php

Math study aids that may be helpful (as suggested by students): www.math.com, Kahn Academy, CliffsNotes, Head First series.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Some math courses and CLEP/DSST/Excelsior exams will also apply towards your Natural Sciences/Math General Education requirement. However, not all courses or exams that meet the math competency also apply to the Natural Science/Math General Education requirement. Refer to your WARD report for lists of math courses that apply under each requirement and discuss with your adviser. DSST has one exam that awards credit for Math competency and one exam that awards credit for general education Math AND math competency.

*Contact your advisor before registering to confirm course transfer.