Dear Student,

To satisfy the Quantitative Reasoning section of the General Education Core at Utica College, most students will need to take 6 credit hours of math courses. In order to be sure that students are placed in the appropriate math courses, most students are asked to take the online math placement test during the summer before the registration and orientation process.

If you have been identified as needing to take the online placement test, you will soon receive an e-mail to your new Utica College e-mail address containing detailed instructions on when and how to take the online math placement test. It is important that you activate your e-mail account and check it regularly for this and other important notices from the Utica College community. All official e-mail communication will be sent to your UC e-mail address. Watch for an e-mail with subject line: Math Placement Test Instructions.

About 4 out of every 10 incoming students at Utica College begin by taking MAT 100, Basic Math. This course does not count toward the General Education Core requirement but it serves as a useful refresher for students who have not taken a math course recently or who struggle with math. If you choose to take MAT 100, you do not need to take the online math placement test. Simply reply to the e-mail containing the math placement test instructions and indicate that you intend to register for MAT 100.

Students are not required to take the online math placement test if they:

a. Have earned an Associates Degree and are considered Core Complete.
b. Have transferred from another institution a math course that is considered equivalent to a Utica College math course.
c. Have earned a score of 4 or 5 on the AP Statistics exam, the AP Calculus AB exam, or the AP Calculus BC exam.

If you fall into one of these exempt categories and you receive the e-mailed instructions to take the online math placement test, please reply to the e-mail and let me know which exemption applies to you so we may remove your name from the math placement test roster. On the other hand, if you fall into one of the categories above but you wish to take the online math placement test, send your request to me by e-mail and I will add your name to the roster.

It is important to us that you are placed in the most appropriate math course to give you the greatest opportunity for success. Your cooperation is essential and is much appreciated.

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