Calculus I Placement Test Information

Thank you for your interest in Calculus I at Duke! The Calculus I Placement Test covers the precalculus prerequisites for Math 111L and is given to ensure you are taking the Calculus I course that best meets your needs. All students interested in taking Math 111L must take the Calculus I Placement Test in lab on Thursday, January 6, 2021. This includes students on the roster and waitlist, as well as those shopping for courses.

The first 5 minutes of your lab session on Zoom will be dedicated to introductions, and you will then be given instructions and a link for the Placement Test, a timed (45 minute) online multiple choice assessment. We recommend using a laptop, but a tablet or phone will work as well.

No outside resources are permitted on the Placement Test: that is, no calculators, no internet, no textbooks, no friends, etc. We trust you to abide by these expectations and will ask you to sign the Duke Community Standard. If you wish to work out problems by hand while completing the test online, scratch paper will be provided on which you are welcome to do so.

If you receive extended-time accommodations on assessments, please register with the Student Disability Access Office at https://access.duke.edu/students and email Prof. Shira Viel at shira.viel@duke.edu so that we can set up your accommodations for the Placement Test.

Your score on the Placement Test has no impact whatsoever on your course grade: we administer it solely to support your success in mathematics studies here at Duke by ensuring that you are placed in the Calculus I course that best meets your needs. Students who score below the required threshold on the Placement Test will receive an email the evening of Thursday, January 6 with information on dropping Math 111L.

If you are interested in reviewing precalculus content and/or getting a sense of the topics covered on the Placement Test, please see the department's Pre-Calc Self-Assessment. You might also find it helpful to look through Sections 1.1-1.4 of our textbook, Calculus by Hughes-Hallett, et al. Recall that this portion of the text is available on Sakai, as are solutions to all problems.

If you have any questions not addressed above, please post on the Math 111L Ed Discussion site at https://edstem.org/us/courses/16622: there are likely many others with your same question! You can post anonymously to your peers as well as sending private messages to the Math 111L instructional team. (You may be prompted to log in to Ed Discussion with your Duke email address to gain site access, or to log in to Sakai with your NetID first). For personal concerns, please email Prof. Shira Viel at shira.viel@duke.edu.

Thank you! We look forward to meeting you soon.