

MEMORANDUM

To: **MAT 8/12/51/56 Faculty**
From: Jenna Hirsch, Ellen Inkelis **Remediation** Committee Co-Coordinators
Date: 8/19/15
Re: **Remedial Math Course Procedures for MAT 8/12/51/56, FALL 2015**

New and Updated Information for FALL 2015

- All course information can be found on the new website for instructors (not for student use): bmccremmath.commons.gc.cuny.edu
- **For MAT 8 and MAT 12**
 - **MYMathLab** has replaced **MathXL** for MAT 8 and MAT 12
 - **MAT 8/ 12** students will receive a permanent course ID from their instructor which enables them to register online on the first day of class. Note that temporary registration codes are no longer needed.
 - **MAT 8/12** students can purchase the bundle package of text/ MyMathLab access code in the BMCC book store or purchase the stand-alone MyMathLab access code/ebook (for the price of \$60) directly on the website: mymathlab.com
 - **NEW MAT 12** Overall passing course average is now 70%. (lowered from 74%)
 - All **MAT 12** students who pass the PAAE with a 70% but receive an R or WU will be **upgraded** to MAT 51.
- **For MAT 51**
 - **NEW MAT 51** Overall passing course average is now 70%. (lowered from 74%)
 - **MAT 51** Reduced price text options are available if purchasing text and/or WebAssign access code online from the following Cengage BMCC microsite for BMCC students:
<http://www.cengagebrain.com/micro/bmccmat>
(Note: remind students that they will not find cheaper prices at the bookstore or on the other Cengage website <http://www.cengagebrain.com>)
- **For MAT 56:**
 - **MAT 56:** Lower text price options were secured for BMCC if purchasing text and/or access code online from the following Cengage BMCC microsite for BMCC students:
<http://www.cengagebrain.com/micro/bmccmat>
(Note: remind students that they will not find cheaper prices at the other Cengage website <http://www.cengagebrain.com>)
 - **MAT 56:** Reduced price text option – a **\$90** “loose leaf” edition of text (includes WebAssign access code for same price) can be purchased online at this microsite: <http://www.cengagebrain.com/micro/bmccmat>
 - **MAT56:** A **70% or higher** overall course average has been officially designated by the Math Department as a passing course average.
- **All MAT 8/12/51 students are eligible to take the Final Exam and/or CUNY Exam. This is true** regardless of whether each of the Intervention Assignments is completed with an average of 70% or higher.
- **MAT 8/12/51/56 WU GRADE ASSIGNMENT OPTION:** If a student stopped attending at any time (for instance, if they do not show up for the final) during the term then he/she should receive a WU grade. Instructors’ discretion advised.
- The deadline for submitting a completed Certificate of Attendance (COA) Roster on CUNY First is two weeks earlier than in prior semesters. The financial aid certification date will be moved from the 21st day of the term to the 7th day of the semester.

Where Course Materials Can Be Located

Syllabi

- **Printed copies:** in the Math Department, Room N599

- **Online Word doc and PDF copies:** on the instructor remedial webpage:
<http://bmccremmath.commons.gc.cuny.edu/>
- **Online PDF copies:** on the Math Department webpage, <http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/math/courses.jsp>

Practice Exams, Review Sheet, and Handouts

- **Printed copies of Practice Exams, Review Sheet, and Handouts:** in the Math Lab RM S535.
- **Online Practice Exams:** on the Math Lab webpage, http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/math/instructional_materials.jsp
- **Online copies of all materials:** on our instructors' (not for students) remedial webpage,
<http://bmccremmath.commons.gc.cuny.edu/>

Procedures for the First Week of Class

- 1) Have the syllabus available for distribution on first day.
- 2) Explain course requirements and policies on the syllabus, including exams, grade distribution and policy, etc.
- 3) Stress BMCC's official attendance policies outlined on syllabus.
- 4) Stress that calculators are not permitted to be used on any exam.
- 5) Take attendance every day. Be prepared for the mandatory seventh-day of the semester attendance submission on CUNY First.
- 6) Obtain official class roster from CUNY First website- <http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/cunyfirst/faculty.jsp>
 - a. (login or create a new account)
- 7) When late registration is over, send students to the Registrar's Office if their names do not appear on the official class roster. Students not on roster will be disqualified from taking the exit CUNY Exam.

Best Practices for the First Week of Class

- Assign homework immediately on the first day, due the next class meeting.
- Continually monitor student progress. Early interventions are crucial to students' success.
- Stress student responsibilities. For example, an absence is not an excuse for a missed assignment.
- Discuss instructor and student course expectations.
- Have all students register for the online homework system. If you are not in a computer classroom, this can be done by having students come up to the instructor computer one at a time, during class time.

Specific Online HW Instructions for MAT 8/12/51

THE ONLINE COMPONENT IS REQUIRED. Explain the online HW component, textbook options, importance of HW, HW due dates, and the Intervention Assignments.

Important! On the first class meeting, have all students register for the online homework system.

1. **MyMathLab** for MAT 8 and MAT 12
 - a. Give students the course ID (each section has a unique course ID found on MyMathLab) to register automatically and begin the free 14 day grace period.
2. **Webassign** for MAT 51
 - a. Give students specific class key (each section has a unique class key found on Webassign) to register automatically and begin the free 14 day grace period.

After registering, students will have immediate access to the online HW assignments. Access code must be purchased within the 14-day grace period to continue with HW assignments. Students may register by using a smart phone/tablet or computer(s) available in each classroom - assign student classmate "helpers" to expedite the process. It can be done!

- It is suggested that online homework assignments be assigned on the first day and due on the following class meeting. If this cannot be done, prepare a paper assignment if necessary.
- Continually monitor the HW system. Identify those students who do not do the HW. Early intervention is crucial.
- Continually stress the importance of purchasing the access code and/or text for the online HW system before the free trial period is over. Discourage procrastination. After the grace period, the online assignments will no longer be available. (all previous assignments will be saved online)

- Students who wish to use their smartphones or tablets to do the assignments must have a Flash-enabled browser to do so. On ipads and iphones, students can get an app such as Photon or Puffin that will allow Flash.

Key Points to Remember:

- Follow the suggested schedule on the syllabus**, or be sure to adequately cover all topics in time for the midterm and final exams. All topics should be covered so that there is at least one class period for review before the midterm and before the final exam. In particular, note that MAT 12 classes should complete the arithmetic section in the shortest possible time in order to adequately cover the algebra content.
- Grade Distribution Policies***

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3. Description of the Online System setup for each course

A **master course** has been setup for each course: MAT 8 and 12 in MyMathLab, and MAT 51 in WebAssign. This course includes online HW for each section, quizzes for each chapter, Midterm and Final/CUNY Exam reviews, and Intervention Assignments (designed for students who fail the midterm). Instructors may use these courses without any further modification, or they can create their own assignments, modify existing ones, and change assignment and gradebook settings, etc. All online assignments are graded automatically by the system, and most questions are fill-in answers (not multiple-choice).

NOTE: ALL PAAE, Midterm and Final Exams are copied, collated, & distributed by the Math Lab in room S535. (See calendars for distribution dates)

4. PAAE and Midterm Exam Packets (on paper, not computerized): No use of Calculators

- MAT 12 PAAE** (Pre-Algebra Assessment Exam) 1st try given during any day of the 6th week of classes – if necessary, 2nd try during Final Exam week (by appointment with the instructor).
 - MAT 8/51 Midterm** Exam given during any day of the 7th week of classes
- Departmental Exam packets will be available for pickup in the Math Lab Rm S535. For Faculty who teach after 4pm on Fridays and/or weekends go to Sandra Rumayor in Rm S 715J.
 - Each exam packet contains two versions.
 - Exams should be picked up the same day as the exam whenever possible, or after any class meeting that precedes the exam. After picking up exams, keep them on your person or in a locked cabinet or desk at all times.

5. **Intervention Assignments** on Webassign or MyMathLab are **REQUIRED** for all MAT 8/12/51 students who fail PAAE/Midterm Exam with a score below 70%.

Note: As an incentive for all students, a higher Intervention average can be used to replace a lower Midterm/PAAE score.

6. **Final Exam Packets: No use of calculators**

- a) **MAT 8** In-class (paper) Departmental Final Exam-**two tries**
 - b) **MAT 12/51** In-Class (paper) Departmental (Algebra only) Final Exam - **only one try**
MAT 12/51 EXIT EXAM is now the computerized CUNY Wide Math Exam
 - c) **Mat 56** in-class (paper) Departmental Final Exam
- Departmental Exam packets will be available for pickup in the Math Lab Rm S535. For Faculty who teach after 4pm on Fridays and/or weekends go to Sandra Rumayor in Rm S 715J.
 - Each exam packet contains two versions.
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7. **Students with documented disabilities** may need extra time on the exams or may be unable to use the online system. They may contact the Office of Accessibility (Room N360; 220-8180) or the Math Lab, and accommodations can be made.

8. **End-of-Semester Grading Procedures:**

- **MAT 8** Students who passed the departmental final with a 70% or better **and** who fulfilled any other requirements outlined by the instructor on their course syllabus should receive a passing grade of **S**, otherwise the student will be given a failing grade of **R**.
- **MAT 12/51** Students who passed the CUNY WIDE Math Exam with a grade of 60% or better **and** an overall minimum course average of 74% **and** who fulfilled any other requirements outlined by the instructor on their course syllabus should receive a passing grade of **S**, otherwise the student will be given a failing grade of **R**.
- **MAT56** students must achieve an overall course average of 70% to receive a passing course grade of **S**, otherwise the student will be given a failing grade of **R**. It is required that the final exam score must be at least 30% of the course grade distribution.

9. **How to Submit Final Course Grades:**

Final grades must be submitted online on the CUNY First website: <http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/cunyfirst/faculty.jsp>
Further instructions will be sent via email and placed in mailboxes.

10. **Project Advance and Immersion(January/June) Programs**

These intensive three week workshops were designed to allow eligible MAT 8/12/51 students a chance to continue to learn the material and meet course requirements. After completion, MAT12/51 students will be eligible to retake the CUNY Math Exam. Details regarding eligibility and requirements for these programs will be distributed at the end of the semester.

Important: MAT 12/51 Instructors must make the CUNY WIDE Math Exam scores available to students. Note that the CUNY First system does not do this. Instructors can email individual scores to students, or post them in the WebAssign, MyMathLab or Blackboard grade book.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact us.

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