Q: What is the math requirement for my degree?
A: All students enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts program are required to complete MATH 105 (Finite Mathematics) with a grade of 'C' or better, unless they have transfer or proficiency credit for this course. The prerequisite for MATH 105 is MATH 95 (Intermediate Algebra). Before students can register for MATH 105, they need to meet the prerequisite by either completing MATH 95 with a ‘C’ or better, or through placement into MATH 105.

Q: How will I know if I should take the Math Placement Test?
A: You should take the Math Placement Test if you did not receive transfer credit for MATH 95. Students who have completed MGT 150 - Business Statistics or PSYC 250 - Basic and Applied Statistics or equivalent will not need to take the math placement test or MATH 095. Please refer to page two of your Checklist in the “Evaluation Notes” section to see if you need to take the test.

Q: Why should I take the Math Placement Test?
A: Students who did not receive transfer credit for MATH 95 have the opportunity to waive this course by placing into MATH 105 through the Math Placement Test. Students who do not place into MATH 105 will need to take MATH 95.

Q: What is the purpose of the Math Placement Test?
A: The Math Placement Test is designed to determine whether the student is prepared for MATH 105. Placement in the appropriate mathematics course will help students acquire the necessary quantitative skills to be successful in the program. The placement exam determines how much algebra the student recalls.

Q: When should I plan to take the Math Placement Test?
A: Students should plan to take the placement test as soon as possible. Access to take the test should be available once the student receives their acceptance letter in the mail.

Q: How do I access the Math Placement Test?
A: You will be able to access the online placement test by logging into Desire2Learn from the Login page at www.ben.edu. Detailed directions will be provided.

Q: Am I allowed to opt out of taking the Math Placement Test?
A: Students have the prerogative of not taking the placement test, but any student who elects not to take the test will need to successfully complete MATH 95 prior to taking MATH 105.

Q: What is the format of the Math Placement Test?
A: The Math Placement Test is a series of multiple-choice questions through which you will demonstrate your algebra knowledge. There is a penalty for guessing as points are deducted for incorrect answers. You may NOT use a calculator during the test. You should have two attempts to take the test, and the higher placement score will be used to determine your placement.

Q: Is there some way I can prepare for the test?
A: For students who would like to study, Mathematics textbooks can be good resources.
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The following websites can also help you prepare:
www.math.com – Click on the “Practice” tab, where there is help available in basic math, pre-algebra, and algebra.
www.purplemath.com – Purplemath’s algebra lessons emphasize the practicalities rather than the technicalities, demonstrating dependable techniques, warning of likely “trick” questions, and pointing out common mistakes.

Q: What topics are covered in the Math Placement Test?
A: The Algebra topics covered include:
   - Arithmetic of Rational Numbers
   - Operations with Algebraic Expressions
   - Linear Equations and Inequalities
   - Factoring and Algebraic Fractions
   - Exponents and Radicals
   - Graphing
   - Fractional and Quadratic Equations and Quadratic Inequalities
   - Logarithms
   - Functions
   - Complex Numbers
   - Absolute Value
   - Systems of Equations

Q: When will I know the results of the Math Placement Test?
You are notified of the placement results immediately after you complete the test. Depending on your score, you will either need to register for MATH 95, or you will be able to go straight into MATH 105. You will not be informed of your actual score.

Q: What does the course MATH 105 cover and if I place into this course, what happens?
A: MATH 105 surveys algebra, functions, graphs, and linear and quadratic equations as applied to economics and business. If you place into MATH 105, you will be permitted to register for this course.

Q: What does the course MATH 95 cover and if I place into this course, what happens?
A: MATH 95, Intermediate Algebra, is equivalent to a 3 credit-hour course. The course covers such topics as real numbers, linear equations, exponents, polynomials, rational expressions, radicals, and quadratic equations. It reviews the basics of algebra and serves as a prerequisite for MATH 105, Finite Mathematics. Since MATH 95 is a preparatory course, the credit hours will NOT be applied to meet the minimum of 120 hours of credit for the Bachelor of Arts degree. Your transcript will show the MATH 95 grade, and this grade will be factored into your Grade Point Average (GPA). You must pass MATH 95 with a ‘C’ or better in order to meet the prerequisite for MATH 105. The course may be repeated if a passing score is not attained up to a maximum of two times.

Q: What is the schedule and fee for MATH 095?
A: For online students MATH 95 is a regular 8-week online course, which is typically offered two to three times a year. All other students will have the 7-week MATH 95 course through the AAGE schedule. The course is blended and offered several times per year on Monday evenings at our campuses and learning centers. Please check with Student Accounts for the tuition rate. Since MATH 95 is considered a requirement for your degree, the course may be covered by your financial aid package. If you have questions regarding how MATH 95 may affect your financial aid award, please contact the Financial Aid office at 630-829-6100.

Q: What is the delivery mode of the online MATH 95 class?
A: MATH 95 uses MyMathLab for course delivery and completion. MyMathLab is a comprehensive, virtual math classroom that houses tutoring, virtual lectures, sample problems, quizzes, homework, animated problem solving, and many more tools to enhance your overall learning experience.

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