Math FAQs

Q. I heard that math requirements are changing. Do I need a new Education Plan?

A. If you are enrolled in a Math class with a number over 100, you do not have to change your Education Plan. Students in Math classes under 100 should see a counselor to learn about new options.

Q. I already took a math class in the non-STEM pathway but want to change my major to STEM. What should I do?

A. Math 15C is a one-unit, self paced course which allows you to bridge from non-STEM Algebra (Math 92) to College Algebra (Math 116) or Trigonometry (Math 104). Math 15C helps students prepare for the Math 96 Challenge Test.

Q. I think I am in the wrong math class. What are my options?

A. If you think you belong in a higher level class, you can take an Advancement (Challenge) Test. The 15's are self-paced online classes that help students refresh their math skills before taking an Advancement (Challenge) Test. Go to the Math Website for more information. If you want to move to a lower level class, you should speak to a counselor.

Q. Is if true that I can skip over some of the Basic Skills Math Classes?
A. Students in Basic Skills Math Classes have new options. Seeing a counselor is highly recommended to get the most up to date information.

Q. Are Math 38 (Pre-Algebra) and Math 46 (Beginning Algebra) going away?
A. A few sections of these classes will still be offered. The Math Department is encouraging students in classes below the 100 transfer level to enroll in Math 92 (non-STEM) or Math 96X (STEM).

Q. What is Math 118? Who can take this class?
A. Math 118 satisfies the math transfer requirements for most Humanities, Arts and Languages Majors. It covers some statistics as well as a brief history of Math and quantitative literacy.

Q. Which Calculus sequence should I take to transfer to UC/CSU?
A. Most UC/CSUs will accept either Calculus series, but there are a few that want students to take Math 150. Private schools typically want students to take Math 150. Students should meet with a counselor to determine their best pathway.

Additional information available Mesa's Math Department Website:

http://www.sdmesa.edu/academics/schools-departments/mathematics/index.shtml