

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Mathematics Proficiency Survey

- **What Web browser should I use to take the survey?**

Any browser should work fine, however, Firefox or Internet Explorer are the recommended browsers.
- **Why doesn't the survey appear when I click on the link that is in my e-mail?**

Some e-mail program/browser combinations do not support clicking a link in an e-mail to open a Web page. If the survey does not appear when you click the link in the e-mail you should do one of the following:

  - Copy the link name and paste it into the address area of your browser or,
  - Type the link name into the address area of your browser.
- **How are the results of this survey to be used?**

The purpose of the survey is to determine the general level of algebra and trigonometry proficiency of students enrolling in the University of Denver. There is no pass or fail and this is not a placement test. In addition to providing the university with information regarding the math skills of the general student population, the university will use the information to offer students advice regarding the mathematics course in which it might be best they enroll. The results of the test will not automatically place students into any particular class – it will merely provide a basis for suggesting a class.
- **How long will it take to do the survey?**

You should allow approximately an hour to do the survey. The survey must be completed in one browser session. If you have to stop in the middle of the survey you can leave your browser open until you are able to continue or you may close the survey and start over at the beginning at another time. If you close your browser before submitting the survey, your answers will not be saved.
- **What should I study before taking the survey?**

You might wish to briefly review algebra and trigonometry basics. However, the intent of the survey is to determine basic proficiency in the subject areas and to assist us in advising you regarding in which courses it might be best you enroll. Because of that, it is best that you not expend a great deal of effort in reviewing for the survey.
- **What if I have to stop taking the survey before I have completed it?**

You may stop taking the survey and close your browser at any time prior to completing the survey. No score will be recorded until you submit the survey by clicking the Forward Button (>>) when you are asked if you are ready to submit the survey. If you close your browser before submitting the survey, your answers will not be saved. Thus, you will have to start the survey over from the beginning. Once you click the Forward Button (>>) when asked if you are ready to submit the survey, you will not be able to return to the survey.
- **May I use reference material while I do the survey?**

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reference material, lest you wind up enrolled in a class for which you do not have the necessary background and one in which you might have difficulty keeping up.

- **What if I skip a question?**

You may skip any question and later navigate back to it using the Back Button (<<) in the survey. No score will be recorded until you submit the survey by clicking the Forward Button (>>) when you are asked if you are ready to submit the survey. Once you click the Forward Button (>>) when asked if you are ready to submit the survey, you will not be able to return to the survey.

- **How will I know how I did on the survey?**

Prior to registration, the results will be e-mailed to you and to your FSEM Mentor along with a recommendation regarding in which math class it might be best that you enroll.

- **May I take the survey more than once?**

No. Once you click the Forward Button (>>) when asked if you are ready to submit the survey, you will not be able to return to the survey.

- **What if I'm unable to take the survey or forget to take it before I arrive on campus?**

If you are not able to take the survey, we will not be able to provide you with any recommendations regarding the mathematics class in which you might best enroll. If you have any doubts regarding that question, you should consult with your FSEM Mentor when you arrive on campus.

- **I accidentally submitted the survey before I had completed everything. What can I do?**

Unfortunately you will not be able to take the survey a second time and have your results recorded. As a result, any recommendation the university might make regarding the mathematics class in which you might best enroll will be based upon the results of your incomplete survey. If you have any doubts regarding which mathematics class might be best for you, you should consult with your FSEM Mentor when you arrive on campus.

- **Do I need to take the survey if I am not a math, science or business major?**

You do not need to take the survey if you are not a math, science, or business major. However, since part of the purpose of the survey is to determine the general level of math skills of students who are entering the university community in general, we would appreciate your participation. If you are not a math, science, or business major, you will likely not receive any suggestion regarding in which math course you might best enroll. However, if you wish to know your score, we can make it available to you.

- **When is the last day to take the survey?**

You may take the survey up until midnight, August 31.

- **Will my survey score appear on my transcript?**

No. The only purpose of the survey is to determine the general level of math skills for incoming students and to enable the university to recommend classes in which students should consider enrolling.

- **If it is recommended that I take a lower-level class, can I take calculus anyway?**

Yes, you may take calculus anyway. The results of the survey only provide a means for the university to make a recommendation and you are not restricted from taking any class. We do recommend that you consult with your FSEM Mentor if you wish to take a class more advanced than one that is suggested.

- **What are the math classes that are considered in making recommendations based on the results of the survey?**

Based on the results of the survey the university will make recommendations regarding your enrollment in one of the following classes:

Math 1010 – College Algebra

Math 1200 – Business Calculus

Math 1951 – Calculus I

- **If I have AP credits for calculus, do I need to take the survey?**

You do not need to take the survey. However, since part of the purpose of the survey is to determine the general level of math skills of students who are entering the university community in general, we would appreciate your participation.