



Student Information

ISU Online Mathematics Placement Exam

The ISU Online Mathematics Placement Exam helps determine the most appropriate level of mathematics course for incoming ISU students. *This exam is for advising and placement purposes only.*

About the Exam

The online exam consists of 30 multiple-choice questions administered in two parts. The placement score will range from zero to 30, depending on the number of correct responses chosen. Students may take the exam anywhere using a computer with a reliable connection to the internet. The exam has time limitations but is not proctored. For us to best serve you, it is important to give your own best effort on the placement exam:

- Rushing through the exam may not yield a score reflecting your capability, causing placement into a math course which is too easy.
- If the exam score is inflated because you did not do your own work, you may be placed in a math course that is difficult and frustrating for you.

Test-A (Basic Algebra) comprises the first 18 questions of the exam; 36 minutes are allowed to complete Test A.

- If a student scores 0-11 correct on Test A, the placement exam concludes.
- If a student scores 12-18 correct on Test A, the exam continues with Test B.

Test-B (Algebra & Trigonometry) is 12 questions at a more advanced level than the questions on Test A; 24 minutes are allowed to complete Test B. Note: *Test B will be part of the placement test only if a student scores 12 or more correct on Test A.*

Once a student has completed Test A, or has exceeded the 36-minute time allotment, a score is generated from those 18 questions. If the score is 12 or higher a student should continue *immediately* to Test B. After completing Test B, the scores on both tests are combined to reflect a student's performance on both parts of the exam.

If you have special needs, please contact Indiana State University's office of disabled Student Services at (812) 237-2301.

Instructions for Taking the Exam

- Go to: <http://www.indstate.edu/fyp/mathplacement.htm>
- Take Practice Test as many time as you need, there is no time limit associated with this test.
- To take the Practice Test go to: <http://mathrc.indstate.edu/practicetest>
- Practice test login using the following information:
 - Your user login is your 991 number (included in your admission acceptance letter)
 - Your password is your last name (all lower case)
 - **Note:** Your password (which is your last name) must contain at least five (5) characters. If your last name is less than five (5) characters in length, start with your last name and then add letters from your first name until you reach five characters (e.g., last name: Doe; first name: John; password: doejo).
- If you need to take a break after the practice test and before the Math Placement Test, you may return to this web-site later.
- At this time you must be sure you are ready to devote 60 uninterrupted minutes to the test. Once you take the next step a time will start and you *can not* stop it. While taking the exam you should not try to “save and return”. It immediately submits your score without stopping the timer. You will not be able to return to the test later once you start.
- If you are ready, go to: <http://place14.placementtester.com:8080/indstate>
- Login using the following information:
 - Your user login is your 991 number (included in your admission acceptance letter)
 - Your password is your last name (all lower case)
 - **Note:** Your password (which is your last name) must contain at least five (5) characters. If your last name is less than five (5) characters in length, start with your last name and then add letters from your first name until you reach five characters (e.g., last name: Doe; first name: John; password: doejo).
- If you are ready to take the Math Placement test select “Test-A (Basic Algebra)”. The first question will pop up.
- Work alone on the exam, using only paper, pencil, and a non-graphing capable calculator as aids.
- ***Students have only one opportunity to take the exam, so it is important to complete the exam once you have started it.***
- The exam screen shows one question per page. Each question has five answers; one of those five is correct. If you are unsure about an answer, pick what you believe to be the best response.
- Once you have selected an answer, click the 'Next' button, which appears above the question. (You may return to earlier questions and change your responses at any time prior to completing the exam.)
- When you have completed the exam, click the 'Grade' button. (This will only execute if you have chosen a response for each question, and choosing 'Next' on the last question is the same as Grade.) After viewing your results, click the 'Quit and Save' button.

Once you have completed Test A, or have exceeded the 36-minute time allotment, you are scored on those 18 items. If your score is 12 or higher you should continue *immediately* to Test B. After completing Test B, your combined score reflects your performance on both parts of the exam.