

Fast-Track Math

Fast-Track Math – Is it for Me?

If you are a student whose next math course is MATH-0955 or 0990, Fast-Track Math may be what you need, depending on your intended major.¹

If your program of study requires a math literacy (also referred to as quantitative reasoning) or a statistics pathway, Fast-Track Math enables you to complete your math requirements quicker and increases your probability of success. This approach pairs your next two eight-week math courses, offering them sequentially in the same semester: MATH-0955 and 1240 for the statistics pathway and MATH-0990 and 1190 for the math literacy pathway.

My academic plan calls for the math literacy or statistics pathway, but I'm still not sure about taking two math courses in one semester. I've always struggled with math.

Your hesitation is understandable, and you're not alone. Fast-Track Math courses are structured to help increase your probability of success.

Courses usually meet three or four times a week, helping you stay on track and engaged with the work. This does not change the amount of time you spend in a class or doing out-of-class work; it just compresses it. And it often does not change the total number of credits you take in a semester, meaning the total time spent on your studies is the same.

In addition, courses usually include group activities, in which students work together, a proven and effective learning method. The "learning community" you build with your professor and fellow students makes the classes more enjoyable. You learn and succeed together.

This sounds like something that could benefit me. Is there anything else I need to know?

Although the College has structured these courses to help you successfully complete your math requirements, you still need to do your part. You must commit to attend every class, stay focused during class and perform your fair share of group work. You must spend the necessary time on studying and homework outside of class. For an eight-week, three-credit class, like MATH-1190 and 1240, you will need to spend about nine and a half hours per week on studying and homework, and for a four-credit (MATH-0990) or a six-credit course (MATH-0955), proportionately more. If you are willing to make that commitment, the rewards can be great. Are you ready to take charge of your success?

It is strongly recommended that you speak with a counselor about Fast-Track Math, and speak with your current math teacher if you are taking MATH-0910. If you decide to take Fast-Track Math, we wish you the best – we're rooting for you!

¹ If you plan to study a STEM discipline (science, technology, engineering and math), you will need to take the algebra pathway.

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