Advice for Incoming Students

How do I know which mathematics course to register for?

The choice of course depends on what major you will be pursuing. A chart of entry level mathematics courses is available at

http://math.hawaii.edu/undergraduate-tracks/

Suggestion: Satisfy any mathematics requirement of your major early, while your high school mathematics is still fresh.

Each track has an entry level point **without** a prerequisite. You may be able to start at a higher level (highly recommended) if you meet certain course dependent prerequisites. These are

- A sufficiently high score on the department assessment exam
- A sufficiently good grade on the AP Calculus exam
- A sufficiently high SAT or ACT score
- A grade of C (or better) or CR for Math 135 at UHM or one of the community colleges of the UH system or Math 104F from UH Hilo.
- Transfer credit for appropriate college level classes.

The details are explained at

http://math.hawaii.edu/home/pdf/Exceptions.pdf

What do I need to know about the Assessment Exam?

You can find the exam dates, practice exams, study materials, rules and an online sign-up page at

http://math.hawaii.edu/placement/

Suggestion: Prepare carefully for the exam so that you do your best. You can take the exam only once every four months.

Can I start early?

You can get a head start on your college career by coming to campus for **summer school**. All entry level mathematics classes are offered during the summer. This can move you ahead a semester in one of the tracks. You will satisfy the prerequisites for other classes earlier, and you might move up your graduation. For the summer opportunities explore:

http://www.outreach.hawaii.edu