

Intro Math at Harvard

STEM Concentration

Anyone planning on concentrating in STEM (including economics) should take a math class their first semester.



Scan for a list of concentrations and their math requirements.

Math Placement Verification Exam

Administered on the first day of classes for students taking Math M,1,21,22.



Scan for details.

Course Availability

Math Ma, Math 1a, and Math 19a are only offered in the Fall semester.



Scan for a full list of introductory math classes.

Process to Join an Intro Math Class *(new for Fall 2026)*

Step 1

Take Math Placement Exam

Complete the online exam to get helpful information selecting your first course.

The exam is for informational purposes only. If you haven't taken this yet, it is not too late.

May / June

Step 2

Register

For Math M,1,21, and 22, register for "Math PL" on my.harvard. Fill out the preference form with your course and time choices based on your exam results. For Math 25, Math 55, and any other Math class register directly for the class on my.harvard.

August 11-13

Step 3

Math Verification Exam

Required for for Math M,1,21, and 22. Results are emailed to you that night. If your plans change, you may resubmit the preference form for your "Intro Math" course on my.harvard.

September 2

Step 4

Math Advising (Optional)

Sign up to meet with an advisor. A link will be included in the email with results form MPV Exam.

September 3

Math Placement Webinars & Resources

Making Sense of Your Score

August 4 @ 12:30 PM

Learn the logic behind recommendations. Recordings available on the website.



Math 19a, 21, 22, 55 or AM22a?

August 6 @ 4:00 PM

For those interested in a course in the 19a–55 column. Find out how to decide and get your questions answered.



Placement Website & Resources

Available 24/7

Visit the department website for recordings, detailed info, and course advice.

