

Congratulations on completing the Bethel Precalculus and Calculus 1 Math Placement Exam.

Your test has been graded, and your level score is: [your score is here]

Further Interpretation of Levels

The level score, accompanied by one of the following registration clearances and enrollment recommendations are:

Level 1: Clearance for Calculus 1 or below

We recommend that you enroll in Calculus 1. With the effort that is appropriate for a college-level mathematics course, you should be able to do well in Calculus 1.

Level 2: Clearance for Calculus 1 or below with recommendation to review
Calculus 1 is probably the right course for you, but review before starting the course is strongly recommended (see review section in the 2nd email that will come with your detailed results).

Level 3: Clearance for Precalculus

We recommend that you enroll in Precalculus. With the effort that is appropriate for a college-level mathematics course you should be able to do well in Precalculus.

Level 4: Clearance for Precalculus with recommendation to review

You will tentatively be placed in Precalculus. Review before starting the course is strongly recommended (see review section in the 2nd email that will come with your detailed results) and a contract is required to maintain your registration.

Registration and Course Preparation

Placement scores are given to the Registrar's office and placed in the student record on Banner (Bethel's Student Information System). Registration holds (restrictions) are removed as follows: level 1 and 2 students may register for Calculus 1 or Precalculus, level 3 and 4 students may register for Precalculus only. Placement levels have been associated with success in these courses, so students are strongly urged to enroll in the course for which they place.

Process for Level 3 & 4 Students who want to take Calculus & Level 4 Students who want to take Precalculus

Students who score at a level below that which they anticipated should take time to review and retest in the next testing period, if available. Those students who do not have time to retest and who fall in the following two categories must sign a course contract:

- **level 3-4 students who want to take Calculus:** these students must sign a course contract, have the professor clear the student for enrollment, and start a review regimen (see review section in the second email that will come with detailed results).
- **level 4 students who want to take Precalculus:** these students must sign a course contract to maintain registration status. The course contract must be signed by the end of the first week of classes. However, these students should start a review regimen, if possible, before the course begins (see review section in the second email that will come with detailed results).

Generally, contracts will be signed with the professor of the intended course. Current students should email the professor to set up a time to discuss enrollment. New students can either discuss enrollment options with the math faculty representative at the July New Student Advising day(s), or during Welcome Week. If it is determined that the student should take a course that doesn't coincide with the recommendation, the student must sign a contract. After signing the contract and discussing a review plan, the professor can clear the student to register for the course.

Review

After completing the placement exam, it is worthwhile to carefully review your results and make a personal skills review plan. Another email will come to you within 24 hours with detailed results and suggestions for review. Review plans can include one of Bethel's Aleks preparation courses. Acting on this critical final step of the Placement and Review Process will help students be ready for success in Precalculus and Calculus 1.

Since course readiness is key to success in these courses, each student's skill level and readiness for Precalculus and Calculus 1 will be tested at the end of the first week of classes using a Skills Test. This test is similar to the Placement test and serves as the final step in the review and preparation process--giving students one final moment to assess their skills and change courses before the final add/drop day at the beginning of the semester.

Retesting: if another testing period is available before registration (see testing periods below), and you want to improve your score, you can retake the placement exam by going to <https://moodle.bethel.edu/course/view.php?id=31867>

The system will use the best score from the two possible testing attempts in one registration period.

Testing Periods: Students can take the exam only one time per testing period (see below) and the exam must be taken in the appropriate test period associated with the upcoming term.

Test periods for enrollment in the Fall semester:

Test Period 1: March through July; **Test Period 2:** August and September

Students enrolling in summer courses will use Test Period 1.

Test periods for enrollment in the Spring semester:

Test Period 3: October through December; **Test Period 4:** January and February

This testing policy allows students to take the placement exam up to two times (once per testing period) before each term. The timing allows students who take advantage of testing periods 1 & 3, and who do not place at the appropriate level, to review and retake the exam.

Math Testing Website: Complete policies and testing information is given at:

<https://www.bethel.edu/undergrad/academics/math-cs/placement-exams/precalculus-calculus>

Questions:

If you have further questions, review the placement policies given above, and then contact the director of testing, Professor Patrice Conrath, at conrath@bethel.edu or 651.638.6348 (toll-free: 800.255.8706, ext. 6348).