

Pre-Core Mathematics Program

UALR's Developmental Course policy
Reminder/Warning about eligibility
requirements of scholarships/grants

MOTTO: Let's Do The Math!

Class #10 in the Pre-Core Mathematics Program

- For a passing grade in PCM, students must earn 3 modules of credit within the semester.
- If credit for less than three modules, then the grade is NC (no credit)...and repeating the course may be an option.

Developmental Courses

You already know that you must earn credit for 3 modules within a semester to earn a passing grade. What happens when you don't earn three modules of credit...your grade is a NC (no credit) and repeating the course may be an option. The word "may" is used very intentionally. Because UALR doesn't allow students to continually repeat a developmental course.

“Students may not take any developmental course at UALR more than twice. A student is considered to have taken a developmental course if he or she receives a grade of NC or W for the course. Students who have failed to pass a particular developmental course twice should speak to their advisors or the department offering the course to explore other options for covering the material.”

Developmental Courses

The UALR policy on Developmental Courses states that students may not take any developmental course at UALR more than twice. The Pre-Core Mathematics courses (Math 0321, Math 0322, Math 0323, Math 0324) are each developmental math courses for which this policy will be enforced. This means that if you earn an NC or W for Pre-Core Math I, then you must pass Pre-Core Math I the next time you take the course, or you will have to find another means to meet the pre-requisites for your college-credit math class. The same is true for Pre-Core Math II, Pre-Core Math III, or Pre-Core Math IV.

I do not believe I will need to enforce this policy if a student has given their best effort in the class. We have designed the program for student success in the course and in their next math class. But the purpose for the policy is to make sure that if our program is not working for a student, they find an alternative to prepare for their core math course.



Syllabus: *“Some scholarships and grants require developmental/remedial courses to be completed within a certain number of hours completed. It is a student’s responsibility to be familiar with all restrictions related to their scholarships and grants.”*

Syllabus Statement

Now, near the beginning of your syllabus you’ll find this statement. “Some scholarships and grants require developmental/remedial courses to be completed within a certain number of hours completed. It is a student’s responsibility to be familiar with all restrictions related to their scholarships and grants.” The courses in the Pre-Core Mathematics Program are developmental/remedial courses. Remember,...

Pre-Core Mathematics Program
Modules 1-8 or Modules 1-10

Math 0321 → Math 0322 → Math 0323 → Math 0324

Program – Course Sequence

For you, the program requires completion of Modules 1 through 8 or Modules 1 through 10, depending on the next math course you plan to take to satisfy your core math requirement for your degree. To complete this work, there are four courses available to give you the maximum time to do this. To pass a semester of Pre-Core Math, you are only required to complete three modules. If you need all 10 modules and complete three modules each semester, you would need four semesters to complete the program. Now, for the warning...many scholarships and grants have restrictions on the time allowed to complete developmental/remedial courses. To demonstrate, I gather two pieces of information.

Arkansas Challenge Scholarship

A Continued Eligibility Requirement

Successfully complete all remedial courses required within the first thirty (30) semester hours attempted after receiving the scholarship.

Continued Eligibility

One of the continued eligibility requirements for the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship is that you must have successfully completed all remedial (developmental) courses within the first 30 semester hours. For most students this would give you two semesters to complete the Pre-Core Math Program.

UALR Academic Scholarships

A Renewal Requirement

Entering freshmen scholarship recipients must enroll, attend, and pass all of the required developmental courses required within their first 30 hours to obtain scholarship renewal.

Renewal Requirement

From UALR's website, a renewal requirement for UALR academic scholarships has a similar statement.

So, even though the Pre-Core Mathematics Programs have a four course sequence available to complete the work...this may not be an option for you if you need to renew a scholarship or grant.



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Let's Do The MATH!!!!

It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to know the requirements and stipulations for all scholarships/grants/money you receive from sources outside your home. Many of them also have GPA and credit hour restrictions to continue receiving the assistance. So, if you are unsure about the requirements, you need to find out now!!! Don't wait until it's too late to remedy the situation.

Now, it's time to work for those renewal requirements by "Doing the Math!"