

Pre-Core Mathematics Program

PCM Midterm Grades

Last day to drop an individual class

MOTTO: Let's Do The Math!

Class #14 in the Pre-Core Mathematics Program

Midterm grades are given around the seventh week of classes for most, if not all, of your classes. It is extremely important for you to pay attention to those midterm grades because the last day to drop an individual class is coming quickly.

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Midterm Grade = Prediction of Course Grade
This is not a guaranteed grade!

University Midterm Grade Policy

It is university policy that *"Faculty will inform students of midterm grades for all semester-long 0 level, 1000 level, and 2000 level courses offered during the fall and spring semesters."* The Pre-Core Mathematics courses fall into this category. So, a mid-term grade will be entered into BOSS for the Pre-Core Mathematics courses and you (and your advisor) will be able to see this grade in BOSS. Note: Not all faculty post their midterm grades in BOSS, but you should be told, in some way, what your course grade is around this time.

For the PCM class, the midterm grade is a grade prediction, not the course grade you are earning right now. The grade prediction will be placed on your progress report and officially placed in BOSS as your mid-term grade. Remember, this is a prediction of your course grade, not a guarantee.

Viewing Midterm Grades in BOSS

To see the official mid-term grade in BOSS, log into your BOSS account and go to “Student Services”. Click on “Student Records”.

The screenshot displays the BOSS website interface. At the top, there is a red header bar. Below it, the BOSS logo and navigation tabs for 'Personal Information', 'Student Services', and 'Financial Aid' are visible. A search bar is present. The 'Student Record' menu is expanded, showing options like 'View Holds', 'Midterm Grades', 'Final Grades', etc. A red arrow points to 'Midterm Grades'. The 'Midterm Grades - Select Term' page is shown, featuring a search bar, a 'Select a Term' dropdown menu with '2012 Spring' selected, and a 'Submit' button. Another red arrow points to the dropdown menu. The text 'RELEASE: 8.4' is visible at the bottom of the page.

Viewing Midterm Grades in BOSS

Then Midterm Grades...and select the appropriate semester using the pull-down menu.

Midterm Grades

Midterm grades are displayed for the term selected. Midterm grades are not assigned to all courses. If a midterm grade does not appear, it has not been assigned by the instructor.

Student Information
 Current Program: Bachelor of Science
 Level: :
 Program: :
 Admit Term: :
 Admit Type: :
 Catalog Term: :
 College: :
 Campus: :
 Major and Department: :

CRN	Subject	Course	Section	Course Title	Campus	Midterm Grade	Credits	Level
					Main			
					Main			
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					Main			
					Main			

Select Another Term

Midterm Grades in BOSS

All of your classes will be listed with the midterm grades that have been entered into BOSS. The purpose of midterm grades is for you to know where you stand in your classes while there is still time to make a change in your grade. In our class, it's a prediction of your end-of-semester grade. This means as long as you continue working as you have been, this will most likely be your course grade. Now, the grades for the Pre-Core Math classes are different from a typical class. You will not see A, B, or C grades....let's talk about what you will see in BOSS.

The **GRADING SCHEME** indicates whether the student has demonstrated mastery of enough modules to be considered successful in the course AND whether the student meets the qualifications for Math 1321: QMR or Math 1302:College Algebra.

- AA, BA, CA indicated ready for Math 1302
- AQ, BQ, CQ indicates ready for Math 1321
- AN, BN, CN indicated enroll in next Pre-Core Math course
- NC indicates repeating the Pre-Core Math course is required

A, B, C NC AQ ~~ready for Math 1302~~
First Letter Second Letter

Pre-Core Math Grade Options

The grade for the Pre-Core Mathematics Program has two purposes: indicate whether the student has completed at least three modules and indicate whether the student has earned credit for Module 8 or 10. If the student doesn't earn credit for three modules within the semester, they will receive a grade of NC and will need to repeat the course. But what happens when a student does earn credit for at least three modules. The new grading scheme is based on a two-letter system. The first letter of A, B, and C indicates the student has earned credit at least three modules in the program. C indicates earned credit for three modules. B indicates four modules of credit. An A indicates five or more modules of credit. The second letter indicates the module status in the program. A second letter of A indicates the student earned credit for Module 10 and is ready for College Algebra. A second letter of Q indicates the student earned credit for Module 8 and is ready for the QMR course. A second letter of N indicates the student must continue in the program to earn credit for more modules.

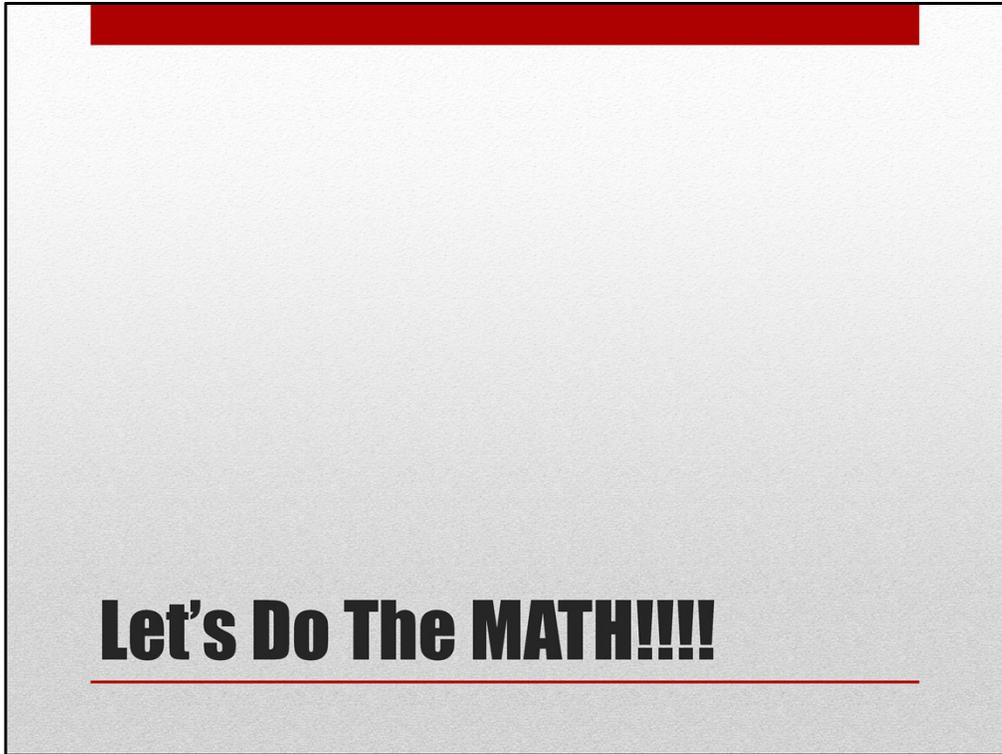
Here is the specific breakdown of the grades. You will see one of these in BOSS starting October 6th indicating the prediction based on your progress through the material after seven weeks of class.

Completion and demonstration of mastery for 3 modules → grade of C

BUT you can't stop coming to class or stop working 6 hours/week in ALEKS. Otherwise, you will earn enough strikes to be withdrawn from the class.

Work requirements...to the end!

One last comment Just because you qualify for a grade of C after demonstrating mastery of three modules doesn't mean you can stop working in ALEKS or coming to class. If you do stop those work requirements, then you will earn attendance strikes and quickly reach the strike limit and be withdrawn from the class. You must keep working and attending class. The consequences of continuing to work should be that you complete more modules too...a good thing! Remember, one of the goals of the program is to "decrease the time for preparing for college-credit math courses." If we allow you to stop working, then we will actually be increasing your time.



Now, it's time for you to make progress on your path to module success...it's time to do the math!