

# Pre-Core Mathematics Program

Module Goals:  
Now to the Semester's End

MOTTO: Let's Do The Math!

Class #18 in the Pre-Core Mathematics Program

Can you believe there are only six weeks of class left?! Yep, we have about seven calendar weeks, but that includes our time scheduled off (Thanksgiving or Spring Break), then the semester is over. This doesn't give you much time to earn many more modules of credit. Which brings us to the discussion for this announcement....what can you accomplish until the end of the semester?

## To earn a passing grade in a Pre-Core Mathematics course, you must

- Have a satisfactory notebook
- Complete and demonstrate mastery of at least three modules

This is a MINIMUM...you should strive to finish as many modules as your potential!

## More than “passing the class”

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I do believe everyone wants to “pass the class”...but I hope you want to do more than just earn a passing grade. The minimum module credit to earn a passing grade is 3 modules. This is the amount of content (whether it’s modules 3, 4, 5 or modules 8, 9, 10) that we support a passing grade. But if you only earn the minimum each semester and are preparing for College Algebra, then you will be in Pre-Core Math for FOUR semesters. I’m sure this isn’t attractive to you...and it’s not attractive to me either. We want you in the next college-credit math class as quick as possible. So, let’s take a look at what is possible for the remaining six weeks of the semester.

Already Earned + Newly Earned = Semester TOTAL

$$1 + 1 \text{ or } 2 = 2 \text{ or } 3$$

$$2 + 1 \text{ or } 2 = 3 \text{ or } 4$$

$$3 + 2 = 5$$

$$4 + 2 = 6$$

$$5 + 2 \text{ or } 3 = 7 \text{ or } 8$$

$$6 + 2 \text{ or } 3 = 8 \text{ or } 9$$

**What's reasonable?**

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Let's begin by talking about what's reasonable with only six weeks of class left. Reasonableness depends on two factors...what you've been able to accomplish to this point and how far you are in the modules. The later modules will take longer to complete than the earlier modules. This was shown to you in the discussion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> class announcement where modules goals were first presented to you.

We will break it down like this..."already earned module credit + newly earned module credit equals the semester total module credit."

If you have already earned one module of credit, then I believe it's reasonable for you to earn 1...maybe 2 more modules of credit.

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If you have already earned three modules of credit, then I believe it's reasonable for you to earn 2 more modules of credit. Similarly for four modules already earned. I'm not going to say maybe 3 modules are possible, because the material does take longer to learn at this point of the program for most students.

If you have already earned five or six modules of credit, then I believe it's reasonable for you to earn 2...maybe 3 more modules of credit.

One consideration I have given to these scenarios is your established pattern of learning AND knowing that your other courses will be having more work required during this time too. So, here's some dates you want to target...depending on your situation.

If you currently have 1 or 2 modules of credit, then...

OUR WEEK	Reasonable Module Credit?	Difficult: Module Credit?
Six Weeks Left		
Five Weeks Left		1 <sup>st</sup> Module
Four Weeks Left		
Three Weeks Left		
Two Weeks Left	1 Module	
One Week Left		2 <sup>nd</sup> Module
Finals Week		

$$\underline{1 \text{ or } 2 + 1 \text{ or } 2 = 2 \text{ or } 3 \text{ or } 4}$$

If you have credit for 1 or 2 modules, then its' reasonable for you to earn credit for 1 or 2 more modules of credit. Take a look at the rest of the semester and write down the week listed for you to earn credit for them.

1 module only...You should earn credit with two weeks left in the semester.

2 modules....You should earned credit with five weeks and one week left in the semester.

NOTICE, you do have finals week as a buffer...but it's safer to go into finals week with already having your math done for the semester.

If you currently have 3 or 4 modules of credit, then...

OUR WEEK	Module Credit?
Six Weeks Left	
Five Weeks Left	1 <sup>st</sup> Module
Four Weeks Left	
Three Weeks Left	
Two Weeks Left	
One Week Left	2 <sup>nd</sup> Module
Finals Week	

$$3 \text{ or } 4 + 2 = 5 \text{ or } 6$$

If it's reasonable for you to earn credit for 2 more modules of credit, then you only need to write down the second scenario.

2 modules....Earned credit with five weeks and one week left in the semester.

Don't slack if you are in this situation. Students find the modules take longer to learn the farther you go in the program. You have the necessary skills to learn them...it's just the problems will have more steps to learn them.

If you currently have 5 or 6 modules of credit, then...

OUR WEEK	Reasonable Module Credit?	Difficult Module Credit?
Six Weeks Left		
Five Weeks Left	1 <sup>st</sup> Module	1 <sup>st</sup> Module
Four Weeks Left		
Three Weeks Left		2 <sup>nd</sup> Module
Two Weeks Left		
One Week Left	2 <sup>nd</sup> Module	3 <sup>rd</sup> Module
Finals Week		

$$\mathbf{5 \text{ or } 6 + 2 \text{ or } 3 = 7 \text{ or } 8 \text{ or } 9}$$

If its' reasonable for you to earn credit for 2 or 3 more modules of credit, then you only need to write down these goal weeks.

2 modules.... earned credit with five weeks and one week left in the semester.

3 modules.... earned credit with five weeks, three weeks and one week left in the semester.

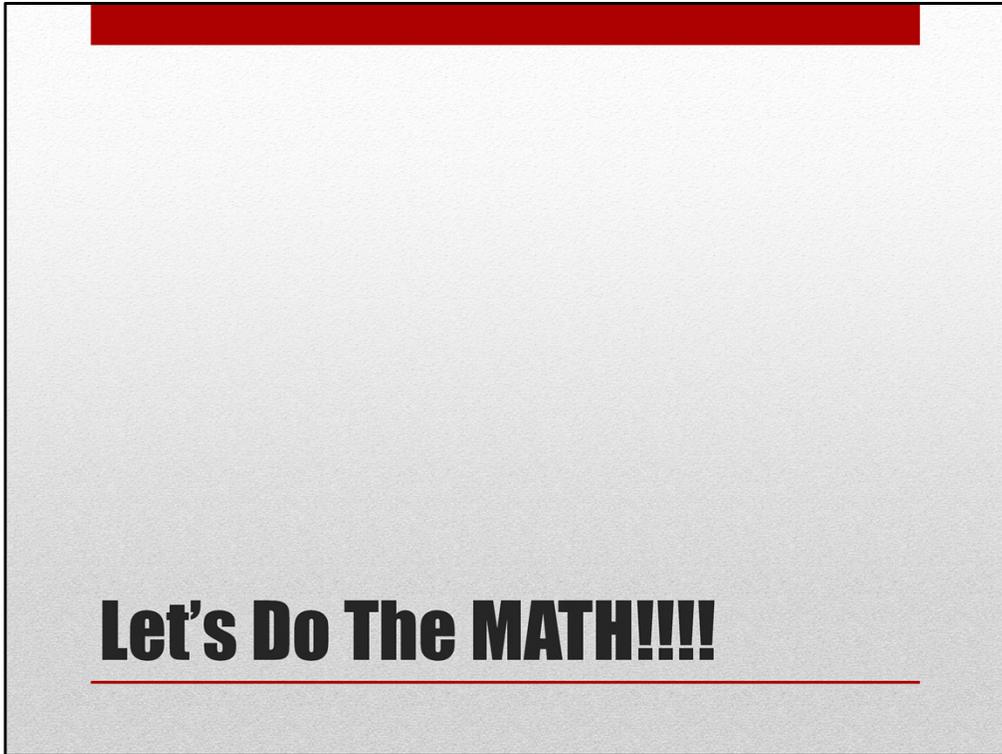
Don't slack if this is where you want to end up. Students find the modules take longer to learn the farther you go in the program. You have the necessary skills to learn them...it's just the problems will have more steps to learn them.

OUR WEEK	1 Module Credit?	2 Modules Credit?	3 Modules Credit?
Six Weeks Left			
Five Weeks Left		1 <sup>st</sup> Module	1 <sup>st</sup> Module
Four Weeks Left			
Three Weeks Left			2 <sup>nd</sup> Module
Two Weeks Left	1 Module		
One Week Left		2 <sup>nd</sup> Module	3 <sup>rd</sup> Module
Finals Week			

## What's reasonable for you?

So, what is reasonable for you? If you are setting your goals on the “difficult” end of the scenarios, then don’t slack on your math work at all. There is no time to waste.

Lastly, you may have noticed that I didn’t mention those who haven’t earned credit for a module yet. I do hope you surprise me. But based on your pattern demonstrated to this point, I’m not confident that you have enough time or study pattern established to earn credit for 3 modules by the end of the semester. Remember, we can guide you on the path of success...but the learning is your responsibility.



Well, I guess that's all that I have for you today. Now, it's time to continue on your path to math success by "Doing the Math!"