Frequently Asked Questions about Foundational Mathematics Courses

The following questions and answers have been prepared to help you understand important information about the changes in course designations for what were previously designated as MATH 016: Algebra, MATH 017: Elementary Algebra and MATH 118: Intermediate Algebra. If you have further questions please contact the Foundational Mathematics Department Head, Dr. Gayle Dixon (gdixon@ccp.edu; 215-751-8438).

Changes to MATH 118: Intermediate Algebra

1. **What are the changes in MATH 118: Intermediate Algebra beginning Summer 2015?**

   The only change to this course is the course designation (MATH to FNMT).

2. **Why has this change occurred?**

   FNMT (MATH) 118 is one of three courses that could reasonably be considered fundamental in that it prepares the student for more advanced study in mathematics. FNMT 118 is also a course that currently fulfills the College’s General Education requirement in Mathematics. Thus having a three course sequence, FNMT 016, FNMT 017 and FNMT 118, in one Department will enable faculty in the Foundational Mathematics Department to have oversight for courses that lead to the fulfillment of the College’s general education requirement.

3. **Are there other changes to MATH 118?**

   There are no other changes to MATH 118 at this time. The content of FNMT 118 is still the same as MATH 118.

4. **Does FNMT 118 still count towards the General Education requirement for Mathematics and towards my program’s graduation requirement?**

   FNMT 118 is a credit-bearing (3 credits) course that does fulfill the College’s General Education requirement in Mathematics. If your program of study requires MATH 118 then FNMT 118 will count towards graduation requirements.

5. **What happens if I took MATH 017 and now need to take FNMT 118?**

   Receiving a passing grade in either MATH 017 or FNMT 017 will count as the pre-requisite course for FNMT 118.
6. What happens if I took MATH 118 and now need to repeat the course?

FNMT 118 has the same content as MATH 118 and will be counted as repeating MATH 118.

7. If I take FNMT 118, and pass the course, does it still count as a pre-requisite for courses that required MATH 118?

Yes. FNMT 118 is the appropriate pre-requisite for all courses that previously required MATH 118 as a pre-requisite.

8. What happens if I took MATH 118 and want to take a course that now requires FNMT 118 as the pre-requisite?

By taking MATH 118 you have fulfilled the requirement for the course that now requires FNMT 118 as a pre-requisite.

9. If my program requires that I take MATH 118 will FNMT be an accepted substitute?

Yes. If your program requires MATH 118, FNMT 118 fulfills that requirement.

10. If my placement tested indicated that I was ready to take MATH 118, should I take FNMT 118?

Yes. FNMT 118 is the appropriate course to take.

**Fall 2014 Changes to MATH 016 and MATH 017**

1. What are the changes in MATH 016: Arithmetic and MATH 017: Elementary Algebra that began inFall 2014?

The only changes to these courses has been in their course designations.

Math 016: Arithmetic = FNMT 016: Arithmetic

Math 017: Elementary Algebra = FNMT 017: Elementary Algebra.

2. Why have these changes occurred?

A new department which will oversee FNMT 016 (Formerly MATH 016) and FNMT (MATH 017) was created. Therefore the new course designation FNMT indicates that these two courses will be under the new Foundational Mathematics Department.
3. Are there any other changes to MATH 016 or MATH 017?

There are no other changes to MATH 016 or MATH 017 at this time. The content of FNMT 016 and FNMT 017 is still the same.

4. What happens if I took MATH 016 and now need to take FNMT 017?

Either MATH 016 or FNMT 016 will count as the pre-requisite for FNMT 017: Elementary Algebra.

5. What happens if I took MATH 016: Arithmetic and need to repeat the course?

FNMT 016 has the same content as MATH 016 and therefore will be counted as repeating MATH 016.

6. What happens if I took MATH 017: Elementary Algebra and need to repeat the course?

FNMT 017 has the same content as MATH 017 and therefore will be counted as repeating MATH 017.

7. If I took MATH 017: Elementary Algebra and passed the course, does this still count as a prerequisite for MATH 118?

Yes, MATH 017 is still counts as a prerequisite for MATH 118: Intermediate Algebra.

9. If I placed into MATH 016 should I take FNMT 016?

Yes, FNMT 016 is the correct course to take if your placement shows MATH 016.

10. If I placed into MATH 017 should I take FNMT 017?

Yes, FNMT 017 is the correct course to take if your placement shows MATH 017.