Who should take MTH 030

- MTH 30 is intended for students who are majoring in STEM disciplines, (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, computer science), business, psychology or education (SLS). Liberal arts majors do not need to take MTH 030 and should see a math advisor to register for the right course. Some Nursing students (who are not college-ready in mathematics and have a low p-score) may need to take MTH 030 before taking MTH 113 (see a Math advisor).

- MTH 030 is a pre-requisite for (MTH 121, needed for Business students), (MTH 122, needed for Psychology majors) or (MTH 123, needed for students majoring in STEM disciplines, Computer Science, Business, Psychology and SLS majors)

- Many students are eligible to take MTH 35 simultaneously with MTH 123 instead of taking MTH 30 and MTH 123 sequentially.

You are eligible to do this if

  o You received an S grade in MTH 020.
  o Or you satisfied CUNY college-readiness in Math requirement upon entering CSI, by any criterion such as Regent Scores, SAT/ACT scores, etc. and have a high-school GPA at least 80, then you are eligible to do MTH 35 simultaneously with MTH 123 instead of taking MTH 30 and MTH 123 sequentially
  o Or if you did not satisfy CUNY college readiness in Math requirement but have a p-score ≥ 75, then you are eligible to do MTH 35 simultaneously with MTH 123 instead of taking MTH 30 and MTH 123 sequentially

Note that if you received a P in MTH 020, then you have to take MTH 30 before you can take MTH 121, MTH 122 or MTH 123.

- If you have any questions with regard to your placement, please contact the math advisor Anthony Conte in room 1S-223, or call 718-982-3619, or send an email at Anthony.conte@csi.cuny.edu.
**STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR MTH 030**

**INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA**

Student must be either **college-ready in Mathematics** (see criteria for CUNY college readiness at [https://www.cuny.edu/academics/testing/testing-faqs/](https://www.cuny.edu/academics/testing/testing-faqs/))

Or if you are not college-ready in Mathematics and have a p-score of at least 60.

You are **exempt from Mth 30** if
- You are college ready in Mathematics and have a high school GPA of ≥ 85
- Or if you are not college ready and have a p-score of ≥ 80.

**ATTENDANCE**

- CSI policy on attendance states that “**students are expected to attend all sessions.**” A student with **more than seven hours** of unexcused absences (in a course meeting four hours per week) will be given a grade of **WU** (Withdrawn Unofficially), subject to the discretion of the instructor. Per Department of Mathematics guidelines, an absence may be excused if it is due to a **documented** illness, accident, or other severe personal problem. An **unexcused lateness counts as one-half an absence.**

**BEHAVIOR**

- **No cell phones or beepers are permitted to be on in the classroom** unless a student has an emergency and speaks to the instructor at the beginning of class.

- **Inappropriate behavior in the classroom will not be tolerated.** Any ongoing **rude or disruptive behavior in the classroom** will be reported to the administration of the department or the College and **appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.**

**CLASS EXAMS and Quizzes**

- There will be **three one-hour exams, five 15 minute quizzes** and a **two-hour departmental final exam** during final exam week.

- **No make-up exams are usually permitted.** With a really valid reason, make-up exams may be arranged with the instructor but they are at the discretion of the instructor. If a make-up exam is allowed, it must be completed before the regular exam has been returned to the rest of the class.
COURSE MATERIALS

- MyMathLab Student Access Kit: includes the online homework and online textbook.

**Intermediate Algebra** with MyMathLab Student Access Kit, by George Woodbury, (Pearson-custom for College of Staten Island)

- You can buy the MyMathLab Student Access Kit (for the online homework and quizzes); it may be purchased online with a credit card as you register for MyMathLab at www.mymathlab.com. (Your instructor will give you a handout of registration instructions.)

- The CSI bookstore sells a purchase code for the Student Access Kit.

- **WARNING**: The Pearson Educational Corp. (publisher of MyMathLab) does not guarantee any MyMathLab Student Access Kit that is not purchased from their website, listed above, or from the college bookstore. If you purchase an Access Kit through another website and it turns out to be invalid or already used by another person in a previous semester, you have to seek a refund or replacement from the seller, not from Pearson Corp. or CSI.

- **IMPORTANT**: If you decide to buy a used book from friend or online source, please be aware that used books do not include the MyMathLab Student Access Kit because the access code number cannot be reused by another person. **Note that a CD with the title “Pass the Test” is bound into the front of the textbook; this CD is NOT the MyMathLab Student Access Kit!**

- Copies of the textbook are on Reserve in the library, but you must buy your own MyMathLab Student Access Kit.
You will receive the following materials from your Instructor:

- Course Outline (syllabus).
- Course Orientation.
- Instructions for registering on MyMathLab

ALL other materials such as Review Sheets can be printed from the following website:

https://www.math.csi.cuny.edu/Courses/Remediation/Mth030/

**HOMEWORK**: It is mandatory to do the homework regularly and on time before the respective exam. After this the HW on the material tested on the exam will be closed. It will be reopened at the end of the semester for the final review.

- The software program MyMathLab is required for online homework and eight quizzes, which are part of the course grade. It is mandatory to the homework; working out the quizzes is also highly recommended; however your instructor may decide to make the quizzes mandatory as well. The homeworks and/or the quizzes will be monitored by your instructor. Your instructor will check your homework on the day of each in class exam and if you do 70% of the homework pertaining to that exam by that date then your instructor will add 5 points to your exam score.

- The homework assignment for each class lecture (see your Course Outline) and/or the eight quizzes must be completed as soon as assigned by your instructor. They will be graded online. Your homework (and/or the quiz) average is a single score that will count as a part of your course grade. (See the following section on “Course Grade.”).

- You should keep track of your homework scores, Your instructor will explain to you how to do this.

- Homework assignments in MyMathLab will be “closed” after each exam.

- Homework assignments may be completed on your personal computer at home or at computer labs on campus (1L-202, 1L-212, 1C-213, 3N-217).

- It will be useful to work out the homework in a note book, so that you can study the problems before the exams.
Free tutoring help is available in tutoring centers in 1S-214 (Math Department Tutoring Center; call 718-982-3602 for information), and 1L-117 (Center for Academic Student Assistance; call 718-982-3963 for information).

**COURSE GRADE**
Before assigning the course grade, instructors will calculate the overall course average (in percent) as follows:

- There are five scores a student will receive for the in-class work:
  1. Exam 1: score range: 0 – 100 points
  2. Exam 2: score range: 0 – 100 points
  3. Exam 3: score range: 0 – 100 points
  4. Quiz grade: score range: 0 – 100 points
  5. MyMathLab Homework grade: score range: 0 – 100 points

The lowest score among the above 3 exam scores will be dropped. Neither Quiz grade, nor HW grade may be dropped (except for one of the 5 in class quizzes). There will be a total of five short 15-minute in-class quizzes administered every other week when there is no exam, two of them must be given in the last part of the course after exam 3. The quizzes will be based on the HW of the previous week. Each quiz will have a score range 0–25 points so that total quiz score is in the range 0–100 points.

- **Step 1**: The in-class average (percent) will be calculated as follows:
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  \frac{\text{sum of the above 4 remaining scores (after the lowest exam grade is dropped)}}{4}
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- **Step 2**: The overall course average (percent) will be calculated as follows:
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  0.65 \times (\text{the percent in-class average, as calculated in Step 1})
  + 0.35 \times (\text{the percent score on the final})
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- The overall course average (in percent) as calculated in Step 2 will be used to assign the letter grade.
The only grades given in this course are the following:

- **P** = **70% or better overall course average** and a **55% or better score on the Final exam**.
- **INC** = Incomplete grades are granted only to students (with an current average of 70% or better) in the event of emergency circumstances that prevent them from completing the requirements of the course. Documentation must be provided and is subject to verification by the department.
- **F** = Overall course average below 70% or a score less than 55% on the Final exam.
- **WU** = Excessively absent: more than seven hours of unexcused absences.