Math Placement Policy – Undergraduate Students

I. POLICY:

Students entering Adams State University with an ACT Mathematics score greater than 18, or an SAT Mathematics score greater than 450, are eligible to enroll in a college-level mathematics course, specifically, MATH 104 Finite Mathematics or MATH 150 Liberal Arts Mathematics. In order to maximize the likelihood of student success in mathematics and ensure that students enroll in an appropriate course for their major, all students with an ACT mathematics score lower than 26 are strongly encouraged to take the Adams State ALEKS Mathematics Placement exam prior to enrolling in a mathematics course.

Students entering Adams State University with an ACT Mathematics score of less than 19 are required to take the Adams State ALEKS Mathematics Placement prior to enrolling in a mathematics course. Students who do not score at the appropriate level in this examination must successfully complete one or more leveling courses.

Recommended placement based on this exam is described in the table below:

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Notes:

- Students who place into MATH 097 (or have completed MATH 095) and meet the following criteria are eligible to enroll in MATH 150: (a) have completed a minimum of 24 credit-hours at Adams State University; (b) have a cumulative GPA of 2.25 or higher; (c) have completed ENG 102 with a minimum grade of C-.
- Students looking to enroll in either MATH 104 or MATH 150 should check with their academic advisor to determine whether these classes will satisfy the requirements of their chosen major.
- To enroll in MATH 120 Calculus as a first course, an ACT Mathematics score of 26, an SAT Mathematics score of 600 or higher, or permission of the department chair is required.
- Students who wish to appeal the mathematics placement resulting from their performance on any placement test should contact the department chair or mathematics program coordinator.

II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to determine what the appropriate level of mathematics class is for students based on their ACT or ALEKS Placement scores.
III. DEFINITIONS:

A. **ALEKS Placement**: Test used to determine the level of a student's proficiency in mathematics, used to place students in the appropriate mathematics class.

B. **ACT**: America's most widely accepted college entrance exam. It assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.

C. **Leveling Course**: A remedial or developmental course in which enrolled students are enabled to improve their level of performance to that needed to enroll in the next level. E.g., MATH 097 is a leveling course for MATH 099. MATH 099 is a leveling class for MATH 106.

IV. PROCEDURES:

V. RESPONSIBILITY:

A. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the Grizzly Learning & Testing Center and take the ALEKS Mathematics Placement if their ACT score is less than 26.

B. It is the student’s responsibility to enroll in any required leveling course(s) based on their ALEKS Mathematics Placement score.

C. It is Adams State University’s responsibility to ensure that students are able to take the ALEKS Mathematics Placement prior to their first day of classes.

D. It is Adams State University’s responsibility to ensure that leveling courses are offered in the class schedule.

VI. AUTHORITY:

ASC General Catalog 2006-2007

VII. HISTORY:

April 24, 2006
October 2, 2006
Revised December 12, 2012
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VIII. ATTACHMENTS