

# Department of Mathematics

## -Frequently Asked Questions- Registration and Waiting Lists

### **How do I crash a math class?**

Unlike many departments, the undergraduate advisors, not the professors, handle waiting lists for math courses. Our waitlists become available just before instruction begins for the quarter, and are online: go to [www.math.ucsb.edu](http://www.math.ucsb.edu) and click on the waitlist link.

*Don't forget to watch GOLD-if space opens up and you have a pass time, you should grab it on your own. You should also check to see if another lecture or section has been added.*

### **Do you give the add codes out on a first-come-first-serve basis?**

No, we do not! First, we check pre-requisites. Then, we check your schedule. The math department works to accommodate everyone who needs a particular class by offering multiple lectures, adding sections, etc., but we cannot accommodate everyone's preferred schedule. If space is really tight, priority goes to those closest to graduating.

### **Do I need to check back later to see if I'm still on the list?**

No, please don't! The only reason you would be off the list is if you didn't meet the prerequisites, and if this is the case you will be notified by email.

**How can I find out where I am on the list?** You really can't. Since we don't make assignments first-come-first-serve, it doesn't really matter. What matters is whether you have a verifiable conflict and your unit status compared with the rest of the students on the list.

### **When and how will I find out if I got into the class?**

You will be notified via your u-mail account, sometimes as soon as the second week of classes. Remember, the add deadline is usually about three weeks into the quarter. *For lower division courses, please attend a back-up lecture -there is a very good chance you will **not** get the class you want.*

### **What if I met all of the requirements but still didn't get an add code?**

There may still be room in another lecture. Check GOLD, then via the waiting list request an add code to the alternative lecture. Or, you should register for this class on your first pass for the next quarter. We also offer many classes during summer session.

**What if I'm finishing a math pre-major work this quarter--will I be able to get into upper-division math courses?** You can fill out the petition for full-major status now, and we will process it when the quarter grades come in. After meeting with an advisor, you will be given electronic access to upper division courses and add codes will not be necessary.

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