MPT Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many times can I take The Hunter College Mathematics Placement Test (MPT)? Students are allowed to take MPT once. Scores are not valid across The City University of New York (CUNY). If you do not score as well as you expect and your math history suggests higher placement, you can appeal by clicking here.

Q: I took a placement test at another CUNY college, are my scores good for Hunter/will my scores transfer to Hunter? No. The Hunter College Mathematics Placement Test is valid only at Hunter and must be taken at Hunter.

Q: I took ACCUPLACER College-Level Math, do I have to take MPT? Yes.

Q: Is there a required fee for MPT? No.

Q: I have an UPROFMATH Milestone posted on my CUNYfirst account. Do I still need to take the MPT? Yes. UPROFMATH Milestone, SAT, ACT, CLEP and New York State Regents test scores do not exempt a student from taking the MPT.

Q: How do I find out my test scores/results for MPT? Test scores are usually available immediately after testing. Test scores will still be available on Blackboard after the exam for students to view at a later date.

Q: How long are MPT scores valid? MPT scores are valid for two years from the initial test date.

Q: When is the last day to take MPT? The MPT should be taken well in advance of your course registration date to avoid unanticipated registration problems. It is best to take the exam ASAP because classes fill up fast. Keep in mind that you may not be able to register for a course once it becomes full. The last day to take the MPT depends on when you plan to register for a course which requires the exam as a pre-requisite.

Q: I do not live in New York, can I take the MPT in my home town? Can I have the test proctored at my High School? No. The MPT must be proctored either on campus or remotely by a Hunter College Testing Center proctor.

Q: I am not available to take the MPT on any of the dates and times listed, will more dates be added? Events for the MPT are normally added every month until the last day of late registration each semester. Continue to check the events page for additional dates and times to test. Feel free to email the testing center at testing@hunter.cuny.edu for additional information.

Q: I registered for the MPT and can’t make it - How do I reschedule it? Email the Testing Center at testing@hunter.cuny.edu Or decline your event and then register for a new date and time.

Q: How long is the MPT? The exam has three parts. Each part is timed for 30 minutes (35 minutes when remote). Students should allow at least 1 hour and 30 minutes for the exam (1 hour and 45 minutes when remote).

Q: How many questions are on the MPT? Part one consists of 35 questions (basic algebra), part two consists of 30 questions (intermediate algebra) and part three consists of 30 questions (calculus readiness): 95 questions
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in total. However, a minimum raw score of at least 26 out of 35 in part one is required to move to part two. Also, a minimum raw score of at least 18 out of 30 in part two is required to move to part three.

Q: Where can I find sample questions for the MPT?  Blackboard: First, log in to Blackboard, and then click here.

Q: Can I use my own personal calculator or any other calculator on the MPT?  No. Calculators are not allowed.

Q: I am taking an AP Calculus class/exam. Do I still need to take The MPT?  AP Calculus AB or Calculus BC scores of 4 or 5 supersede Math Placement Test scores. Students who have a score of 4 or 5 on the AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC are exempt from having to take The Math Placement Test. However, if you do not yet have your score, you should take the MPT. It is important that you mention any pending AP credit when discussing course selection with your advisor. Hunter's College Code for College Board tests is 2301. Official AP Calculus scores are to be sent to: Office of Admissions, Room 203N, Transcript Evaluations, Hunter College, 695 Park Ave, New York, NY 10065

Q: I've taken math courses through College Now. Do I still need to take The MPT?  Chances are, if you took math courses through College Now, you may have already taken a college level math course that can satisfy the prerequisite for an upper level math course. If you have taken courses through the College Now program, please contact the participating college and request an official transcript be sent to: Office of Admissions, Room 203N, Transcript Evaluations, Hunter College, 695 Park Ave, New York, NY 10065
If you are unsure which college cooperated with your high school, you may find that information here: https://k16.cuny.edu/collegenow/our-high-schools/

Q: I am transferring a math course equivalent to Math 101 or higher. Do I still need to take the MPT?  The course must be transferred and on file at Hunter as an equivalent to a prerequisite course.

To confirm if a math or stat course requires the math placement exam as a prerequisite at Hunter College, click on the following link:

Undergraduate Catalog Mathematics and Statistics Courses

Check the Hunter College Course Catalog for additional prerequisite and co-requisite requirements.

Q: I scored low on the MPT, how can I appeal my course placement/Math Milestone?  You will be required to fill out an appeal form, attach a copy of your high school transcript and a transcript of any college math you have taken. All appeal documents should be submitted along with the appeal form. Click here to access the appeal form.