UCF is proud to offer select students the opportunity to participate in Math Launch, a unique program designed to help incoming first-year students prepare for Calculus 1 and set them up for success in their chosen STEM major. With a focus on expanding students’ knowledge and capabilities in algebra, trigonometry and pre-calculus, Math Launch helps students become calculus ready in a single semester through a series of dedicated workshops and boot camps. Students selected to participate in Math Launch will begin their first term as part-time students and will be provided with a dedicated support team to assist them throughout their first semester.

We encourage you to reply to the program team confirming you have received the notification. They can also answer any additional questions you may have at that time. Otherwise, be on the lookout for our follow up messages over the next few weeks.

1. I received an email letting me know that I have been enrolled in the program this fall. What action do I need to take next?

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2. What is the cost of this program?

Nothing, it is free to you.

3. How will this affect my financial aid?

UCF plans to continue the funding levels for the following financial aid programs that would normally be impacted by a student's less than full-time enrollment (Pell, SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant), UCF Orion Grant, UCF Grant, UCF Black and Gold Grant, FSAG (Florida Student Assistance Grant), Bright Futures Scholarship, along with several Undergraduate Admissions Merit Scholarships). During the second week of classes, students with these awards may see one or more of these funds adjusted and a new award “Math Launch” added. The amount of the Math Launch award will be equivalent to the funding that would have been disbursed had the student been enrolled for 12 credit hours.

Students receiving an Undergraduate Admissions Merit Scholarship (I.e., Provost, Pegasus Scholarships) will be given an exception to receive the full amount of the fall term award with less than 12 credit hours of enrollment for participating in this program. Students will be required to enroll full-time (12+) for the Spring 2023 term. They will also be required to meet the cumulative GPA requirement for renewal at the end of the Spring 2023 term. For the overall 2022-23 academic year they will be required to earn a minimum of 27 credit hours by the end of the summer 2023 term for renewal purposes. These exceptions are only for those participating in the Math Launch program and apply to the 2022-23 academic year only. Students may contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at 407-823-2827 for more information.

Tuition and Fee deferments will be updated to student’s account the second week of classes. Success Coaches can assist with initial discussions and Financial Aid is the best resource for full details. You can contact our success coaches by filling out the contact form on our website with your questions, or by reaching out during business hours by phoning 407-882-4239.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### 4. What about external funding I may have?

Student Financial Assistance will contact the donor, organization, department to inquire if the student may still receive this funding given the student’s enrollment is less than full-time. Students do not have to contact the financial aid office as this is normal business practice. Students will be informed via their Knight’s email account if the external funding must be returned to the donor, organization, or department. You can contact our success coaches by filling out the contact form on our website with your questions, or by reaching out during business hours by phoning 407-882-4239.

### 5. What about Bright Futures? How will this impact it?

Bright Futures disburses funding per credit hour of enrollment. Academic Scholars receive 100% of applicable tuition and fees and Medallion Scholars receive 75% of applicable tuition and fees. The university will support funding students who participate in this program for 3 credit hours of Bright Futures. This is the amount of funding a student would have received prior to participation in this program with 12 credit hours of enrollment. The Office of Student Financial Assistance is the best resource for full details and students may contact the office at 407-823-2827 for more information. You can contact our success coaches by filling out the contact form on our website with your questions, or by reaching out during business hours by phoning 407-882-4239.

### 6. How will this program benefit me?

We have over five years of experience running the EXCEL Math Bootcamp program where students have been successful in accelerating their math placement. On top of the free tuition for the Math Launch course and the extra support, you will be Calculus 1 ready sooner. As an engineering or photonics major this is critical to moving you forward and keeping you on track in your major. This will also get you into your major courses and eligible for more work experiences (research, internships, study abroad) earlier in your academic career.

### 7. What is required of me as a participant in this program?

During the fall semester, students in the Math Launch program will be registered for the program’s math course and will be enrolled in a maximum of 11 credit hours. Requirements for the math class will be discussed with students in the syllabus for the course.

### 8. What is the Math Launch course?

The Math Launch course is a zero credit hour math course (MAC 1906). Each student selected for the program will be enrolled in this course for fall semester. In this course, you will have the opportunity to complete all of the calculus prerequisite courses you may need.

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9. Why am I being asked to register for no more than 11 Hours?

Just because you are not enrolled in credit hours for the Math Launch course doesn’t mean you won’t be spending time on the course. In fact, you could potentially be completing the equivalent of four courses in one semester and your ‘time on task’ is important to your success. Thus, we want to make sure you have the room and time in your schedule to devote to this course and a full-time load, in addition to this math course, would make this difficult. It is our recommendation that students commit to spending a minimum of 10-12 hours a week working on their math modules. This would be the equivalent amount of time a student would spend on any 3-4 credit hour math class.

10. What is the structure of the course?

This is a self-paced course where students will work through content material with assistance from dedicated instructors, learning assistants and peer success coaches. Each student may begin at a different point in the curriculum based on an initial proficiency test during the first week of class. Do not worry, students will start with the material of the class within which they were originally enrolled and move up from there.

11. How much time will it take?

Being successful in this course is all about ‘time on task’. We expect students will spend between 10-12 hours a week focused on their math studies.

12. Am I able to complete four math classes in one semester through this program?

Yes, assuming you need all four courses. Each student will have the opportunity to complete what they need in order to be Calculus 1 ready.

13. What happens if I don’t complete it successfully?

You will have the opportunity to complete three to four classes during this term. We expect that all students should be able to complete at least one of the courses. For those that are not calculus 1 ready by the end of the term, we will gauge where you are in the process and make sure you get into the appropriate next class in the spring to keep you on track to calculus.

14. What if I just want to take the one math course I need for Calc 1?

We understand why that may sound more appealing, but think about what you are gaining within the Math Launch program. First, this course is free. Second, rather than spending a full 16 weeks taking this one course, you could expedite your learning and finish earlier, freeing up time late in the semester for other critical courses. Third, we are providing you with additional support resources like learning assistants and success coaches that you would not receive in the regular course.

15. How do I change my schedule?

We take care of all class schedule changes for you. We will swap your math course and if you need to make other adjustments for this program an advisor will reach out to discuss this with you directly.
16. **How does this affect health or car insurance?**

Most companies only require that you be a registered student, however, you should consult with your carrier for their exact policy. Once you determine what is needed, current students may obtain an Enrollment Verification (proof of attendance) through myUCF for no charge. Additional information can be found here https://registrar.ucf.edu/enrollment-verification/.

17. **How does this affect my UCF housing?**

It doesn’t!

18. **Do I have to take more classes next semester to make up for this semester?**

No. Scholarship renewal requirements will be adjusted to accommodate this new program. No need to stress yourself out taking extra credits in the next term.

19. **I am in Calculus I. Can I take this to brush up my skills?**

No, we don’t want you to get behind. You tested well enough to be in Calc I and that is where we want you to start. If you are concerned about your prerequisite knowledge, there are plenty of resources available in the MALL in case you feel you need to brush up while in the calculus course.

20. **Who can I contact to discuss further details of the program with?**

You can contact our success coaches by filling out the contact form on our website with your questions, or by reaching out during business hours by phoning 407-882-4239.

21. **How do I apply for the program?**

There is no application to the program. Students are identified and selected for the program by UCF based on their incoming major as a freshman and their math placement level.

22. **How do I find out what math I placed into or my math placement test score?**

You should already be enrolled in your fall math course which is based on your math placement test score. However, if you have completed additional parts of the MPT or retested, you can see your score in the Webcourse where you tested.

23. **Can I be enrolled in the program for a second semester if not ready for Calc I?**

We will work individually with any student who may not be calculus ready by spring to ensure they get into the appropriate course to keep them on track in their major.

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24. Is this program compatible with the GI Bill?

Post-9/11 Benefits pro-rate based on credit hours. Participation in Math Launch reduces your course load to the 9 to 11-hour range. That would limit your benefits to 75% of your eligible funding. The credit hours enrolled are verified each term and a return to a full-time load in Spring 2023 would return your Post-9/11 Benefit levels to 100%. Veteran Readiness and Education (Chapter 31) or Dependents Education Assistance (Chapter 35) does not have the same credit hour requirement. For more information on how the program may impact GI Bill benefits, please contact the Office of Military and Veteran Student Success at 407-823-2707.

25. Is this program only for CECS or OP students or can I still participate if I’m planning on changing my major soon?

At this time only engineering and photonics majors are included in the program. If you are planning to change your major, we would encourage you to do so as soon as possible. This will guarantee that you are receiving all of the correct information from the beginning of your academic career. If you need assistance, feel free to contact your current advisor and they will guide you in the process.

26. What should I anticipate over the next few weeks to prepare for this program?

You will be receiving additional communications about making adjustments to your schedule to accommodate the Math Launch course (MAC 1906). If you need to make other changes, your advisor will reach out to you to assist. All information about the course will be shared with you during the first week of class just like all of your other courses.

27. What technology will I need during the program?

Nothing more than a computer and internet access. You will be able to use your own device (PC/Mac/laptop) for most of the work if you like, however, computers will be available for you to use for all testing and knowledge checks.

28. What if I’m considering changing my major before class starts?

A lot of communication from and requirements of the university are driven by your selected major. You should always keep this information accurate in myUCF. If you are changing your major, then you should do so as soon as possible. If you are unsure about your major, contact your current advisor or the Knights Major Exploration and Transition Center to discuss your options.