Transitional Studies Program Mathematics
Frequently Asked Questions

What is TRS 092 - Basic Mathematics?

In TRS 092, students will develop competencies in basic mathematics. The emphasis will be on number theory related to whole numbers, fractions, decimals, proportions, and percents. Students will learn strategies to reduce math anxiety, develop critical thinking skills, and practice using estimation theory and problem-solving methods. Students will gain confidence in using math in everyday situations.

Will I receive college credit for this course?

No, TRS 092 has 5 *imputed* credit hours, which means that the credits will not count toward a degree and won't be figured into a student's GPA. However, the credits *do* count for financial aid and other requirements needed to be a full time or part time student. Tuition is charged at the regular rate.

What is the difference between "Traditional" and "Flexible Pace" TRS 092?

We offer two formats for TRS 092:

Traditional
The traditional format will probably look familiar to students. A professor guides the class through course material using lecture, small group, and individual work. Students will use appropriate technology to reinforce their skills. The professor gives five tests throughout the semester and a final exam. Students have the opportunity to retake each test one time.

Flexible Pace
Flexible Pace classes are held in a computer lab. Students watch brief lecture videos, complete problems, and take tests at their own pace (there is a minimum pace to pass the class). Students may redo homework and tests to improve their understanding and grade. The professor works with students one-on-one or in small groups at the specific point where the student needs help. There is a potential for students to work ahead and complete more than one course in a semester. A computer lab staffed by math faculty is open every day for students to complete assignments and take tests outside of class.

What is TRS 094 – Pre Algebra?

TRS 094, for students who have mastered basic computations, offers preparation for further coursework in mathematics. Students will use fundamentals of mathematics to develop entry level competencies in business math, geometry, rational numbers, and algebra. Prerequisites: Accuplacer placement, or TRS 092 with a grade of C or better.

Will I receive college credit for this course?

No, TRS 094 has 5 *imputed* credit hours, which means that the credits will not count toward a degree and won't be figured into a student's GPA. However, the credits *do* count for financial aid and other requirements needed to be a full time or part time student. Tuition is charged at the regular rate.

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How can I tell if a class is Traditional or Flexible Pace?

On the Master Schedule, a Traditional TRS math class will have the title "Basic Math" (TRS 092) or "Pre Algebra" (TRS 094). A Flexible Pace TRS math class will have the title "Basic Math FLEXIBLE PACE" (TRS 092) or "Pre Algebra FLEXIBLE PACE" (TRS 094).