Calculus Placement

Rules for placement in the calculus sequence can be found on the Math Department's website. If you have questions about those placement rules then please contact the math department.

Freshmen

Students who wish to place out of calculus I or II via AP, IB or GCE must transfer credits from those exams to Columbia. You should do so ASAP.

Students who wish to place of Calculus I via coursework in high school must speak with the math department directly. You must receive approval in writing from the math department to skip Calculus I. You will need to forward that written approval to the economics department when you declare an economics program, so do not lose the written approval. Finally, note that you will have to replace the 3 credits from Calculus I to complete an economics program. You may do so by taking an additional elective course in economics math, statistics or computer science.

Transfer students

If you have taken a Calculus I course at another university then you must submit that course for review in the economics department. See the transfer credit page on the economics department website for details.

If you have taken math courses beyond Calculus I then you must submit those courses to the math department for evaluation. You must get written approval from the math department which you will forward to the economics department.

Students who wish to place out of calculus I or II via AP, IB or GCE must either transfer credits from those exams to Columbia or make sure that their class center adviser notes these exams in their Columbia records.