

Frequently Asked Questions – Maths Preparatory/Bridging courses

Is a Maths Bridging Course compulsory?

No, they are optional courses designed to provide a solid foundation/refresher for students who want to prepare for their degrees.

Where can I enrol in the bridging course?

There is a link to registration on the webpage below

<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/numeracy/courses>

Can a bridging course be used to meet the maths prerequisite for PHYS1210?

Yes. The Maths Bridging for PHYS1210 can be used to meet the Standard 2 Mathematics Band 5 prerequisite. You will still need to submit a waiver form stating that you are doing the bridging course. The course is taught by the Numeracy Centre. You will be required to attend every class.

Any further enquiries should be directed to fse.numeracy@mq.edu.au

IMPORTANT: Can a bridging course be used to meet the maths prerequisite for MATH1010, PHYS1010 or PHYS1510?

No – students must enrol in MATH1000

What maths bridging course should I do?

This depends on the student's mathematical background

No maths at school wanting to enrol in MATH1000 – 10 day Foundation

No maths at school wanting to enrol in STAT1170/FOSE1015 – 5 day Foundation

Standard 2 at school wanting to enrol in MATH1000 – 10 day Foundation

Standard 2 at school wanting to enrol in STAT1170/FOSE1015 – bridging not necessary

Standard 2 (or no maths) at school wanting to enrol in PHYS1210 – Maths Bridging for PHYS1210

Standard 2 at school wanting to enrol in MATH1010, PHYS1510, PHYS1010 –

Not Applicable - student must enrol in MATH1000

Maths advanced with at least Band 4 at school – possibly some time ago - wanting to enrol in MATH1010 – 10 day Extension

When does the registration close for the maths bridging courses?

Normally the Friday before the course starts but we will accept late enrolments in most courses – students should contact the Numeracy Centre at fse.numeracy@mq.edu.au

Can the fee for the preparatory/bridging courses go onto HECS?

No

I can't afford the full fee due to personal financial situation, what can I do?

The Numeracy Centre offers equity discounts for all its courses – contact the Numeracy Centre on fse.numeracy@mq.edu.au

Are the maths bridging courses offered online?

For Session 2 2021 students can choose an online option or a face-to-face option. The Numeracy Centre thinks face to face is better but given the current situation are offering an online option.

When will I find out about rooms for the Maths bridging courses?

You will get an email after registration closes – the week before the class commences.

**Can the Macquarie maths bridging courses be used at other universities?
Will I get a certificate?**

Students will get a certificate stating their participation. Given that the Numeracy Centre doesn't offer an exam they cannot certify a level of attainment. Each university will have different requirements regarding the bridging courses so it is better to contact them directly.

Can I access the course notes before the course starts?

Yes, these are freely available on our website. They are called the MUMS modules.

If I happen to be absent for a day, or if I am unable to attend the online class for a day, am I able to look at the course content to catch up?

Yes. It would be best for you to attend everyday as this way you will get the most out of the course, however if you miss one day you can use the course notes to catch up on topics.

Do I need to sit an exam for the maths bridging or preparatory courses?

No. There will be quizzes available online for you to practice each day's work but there is no exam for this course.

Do the courses run every semester?

All our courses run in February. In July we run the Maths Bridging for PHYS1210 and the 10 and 5 day foundation courses.