

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
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TO: All faculty

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RE: Important changes to MTH 05

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Due to the CUNY-wide phase-out of the COMPASS exam as a measure of Math Proficiency, the University has instituted a number of measures to ensure a common standard of "Elementary Algebra Proficiency." These policies were designed by a committee of Mathematics faculty in consultation with Math Chairs. This will have a direct impact on our MTH 05 course, and may ultimately impact other offerings as well.

After two semesters of piloting, the following changes will go into effect for the Fall 2012 semester:

- There will be a CUNY-wide common examination measuring Elementary Algebra Proficiency. This will be administered as the departmental final in December 2012. It will be a 25-question, mechanically graded multiple-choice exam.
- A minimum grade of 60 will be required on this uniform final exam in order to pass MTH 05.
- The final exam shall be weighed into the overall course average grade with weight of 35 percent of the final grade.
- A course average of 74 is required to pass MTH 05. The only acceptable grades in MTH 05 will be A+,A-,B+,B-,C+,C, R and F.

You may access review materials for this exam here:

<http://www.cuny.edu/academics/testing/cuny-assessment-tests/resources.html>

During the course of the semester, I will keep you updated on any other changes that take place as the implementation continues. In addition, I will keep you informed regarding support for students in order to help them succeed in this new environment.