

Math Springboard Program Overview

Springboard is a summer mathematics bridge program offering you an opportunity to review mathematical concepts you might be rusty on. It will help you fill mathematical knowledge allowing you to move forward with the mathematics and/or science classes in your degree pathway, SOONER. This program does move faster than a typical course but is a wonderful platform to refamiliarize yourself with math.

Similar to a class, the Springboard program includes instruction, assignment deadlines, and a final assessment. If you show proficiency in Intermediate Algebra during Springboard, you will switch your fall semester enrollment from Math 10 or Math 20 to a required math or chemistry class for your degree.

The 2 phases of Math Springboard:

Online Phase (July 8 – August 16):

The online phase utilizes Knewton, an online homework system, for weekly assignments due each Friday. You must submit assignments on time and send a weekly progress report by Sunday evening. You will be part of a collaboration group with other participants and a tutor. This gives a great opportunity to ask questions and connect with UWEC students. Successful completion of assignments grants participation in the on-campus second phase.

On-campus Phase (August 27 – August 31):

Completing the online phase grants you an early move-in date of Tuesday, August 27 to your residential hall. This time can be utilized to review the online material with a UWEC math professor and tutors. You will have an exam on Saturday, August 31. Passing the exam allows you to swap your enrolled course (Math 10 or Math 20) with a required math or chemistry course (for which Math 20 was a prerequisite). If you do not pass the exam, that is okay too. You would just stay enrolled in the original math course for the fall semester and gives you more time to grasp the concepts.

Frequently Asked Questions

Math Springboard Enrollment + Registration + Costs

How do I enroll in Math Springboard?

To enroll in the program:

- Click the link on the website.
- Complete the full application and submit.
- There is a \$200 enrollment fee.
 - Check or money order.
 - Make payable to UW-Eau Claire. Notation: Math Springboard
 - Mailing Address: UW-Eau Claire Math Department | 105 Garfield Ave. | Eau Claire, WI | 54702
 - Drop off in Math Department Office: UW-Eau Claire | Hibbard Hall | Room 508
 - Electronic payments are an option but do have a processing fee.
 - Economic hardship or inability to pay, see fee waiver details on the application.

Why is there a \$200 fee?

The \$200 fee covers the cost of the online software and expenses of the program such as tutors, food costs, and housing.

What is the deadline for registering for Math Springboard?

The “soft” deadline to register is Friday, July 5TH, however, we may still accept applications after that date. Please apply early to secure your spot. If the program reaches capacity before your application and payment is received, we will notify you. We will return your registration fee.

How does the \$200 fee compare to the cost of taking Math 10 or Math 20?

An in-state student pays over \$1400 in tuition to take a four-credit class during any semester.

Does the \$200 fee cover the cost of a textbook?

Fees cover the cost of the Knewton Alta on-line program which offers both instructional resources and mastery-based problem sets.

Is there any help available to cover the cost of the program?

Yes, the fee will be waived for students who qualify. By requesting a fee waiver, you give permission for Financial Aid to verify your EFC. If you do not know what your EFC is, you can locate it in your MyBlugold CampS Student Center or call the Blugold Central at 715-836-3000. Please complete the financial waiver information form found within the online application.

How much does this program cost for students who don't live in the residence halls?

The fee is \$100 if you will not be living in a residence hall. Students not living in the residence hall are still required to attend the math class sessions held August 27 – August 31.

Is there an option for a refund?

You may receive a full refund if you notify the Math department in writing (mathematics@uwec.edu) prior to July 8, 2024. If you pay the \$200 fee and decide you are not going to complete the course by August 15, and you notify the Math department in writing (mathematics@uwec.edu), you may receive 50% refund of Springboard fees paid. Please note credit card processing fees are not refundable.

What happens if I don't enroll in Math Springboard?

In the fall, you will take the math class you enrolled in during your summer orientation.

Math Springboard Program Information**Can I work ahead in the online phase?**

Yes!! We encourage you to work ahead. Look at your summer schedule, manage your time, and set "future" goals. Maybe your goal will be to:

- have all the Knewton assignments completed by August 9, which is a week early.
- have all assignments that are due on a Friday completed by Wednesday night.
- work ahead because you know you have a family vacation the first week of August, and you'd rather not have to rush to catch up and complete assignments after you get home.
- complete assignments on time, and you plan to make sure you can do this by setting aside at least one hour each day to work on math. If you need to increase this time to keep up, you do.

What happens during the on-campus phase of the program?

Math Springboard participants will be split into two groups with different schedules - one with morning math review and optional afternoon activities, and the other with morning and afternoon classes/activities switched. Attendance is mandatory for classes. Optional activities are encouraged. Questions can be directed to Faith Pawelski at PAWELSFA@uwec.edu.

Note: You do not need to choose a move-in time in your Housing Portal. We inform Housing you move in early.

What happens if I get behind in the online part?

If you do not complete the assignments for a particular week by the deadline on Friday, work on them over the weekend and complete them by Sunday night. Every Sunday you need to turn in a weekly communication report about your progress. We will check each Monday to make sure you completed the assignments due the previous Friday and read your communication report. If you fall behind, we won't drop you immediately, but failure to catch up and keep pace will result in removal from the program. Remember, all assignments from the online phase must be completed in order to be invited to the on-campus phase, which is when you will have the opportunity to test out of Math 10 or 20.

Springboard requires dedication and may be difficult to manage alongside summer jobs or vacations. Falling behind is understandable, but we encourage you to do your best to stay on track. If keeping up is not possible, you will stay in your enrolled Math course from orientation. You will move in during the regular campus move-in dates, not earlier with Springboard. We are looking forward to having you in class in the fall!

What happens if I don't pass the final Math Springboard Exam?

Students who fail the Math Springboard exam will continue in their scheduled math class during the fall semester.

What are two things which confuse/challenge Math Springboard students?

1. Not checking their UWEC email!! Check your UWEC email regularly for important college information, news, announcements, and reminders. Make sure it is easily accessible on your phone or smart device.
2. Don't let other tasks interfere with Math Springboard. Prioritize it if you want to earn Math 20 credit before Fall.

Getting Ready for the Fall Semester

Will my dorm room for Springboard be the same one I have all year?

Yes, at Springboard, once you move in, that will be your room for the entire year.

If I plan to participate in Math Springboard, what math class should I enroll in for the fall semester when I go to summer orientation?

Students should register for the course they have been placed in. Advisors at summer orientation will assist with this. Those seeking to enroll in a non-math class requiring Math 20 as a prerequisite will not be able to register for those courses and should build their schedules without those courses entered. Successful Math Springboard exam takers will receive guidance on adjusting their schedules. Reserved spots are available in math, chemistry, and economics classes for Math Springboard participants based on majors.

If I pass the Math Springboard exam, how will I know which class I should change into?

In late July and early August, the mathematics department will work with your advisor to determine which math or chemistry class you need for your major. For example, Business majors need Math 109,

Nursing majors need Chem 105-6, and Psychology majors need Math 246. Once your required class is identified, we will review your Fall schedule, reserve a seat in a suitable section which does not conflict with your other classes, and assist in swapping Math 10 or Math 20 if you pass the Springboard exam.

Do I really have to take Math or Chem in the Fall if I pass Math Springboard exam?

Yes. By participating in the Springboard program, *you commit to taking the Math or Chem class that we have matched you with during the Fall 2024 semester.* You must at least stay enrolled in this class for the first two weeks of the Fall semester. At that time, we will check to see that you are enrolled, and then give you credit-by-exam for Math 20. If you do not follow up with enrollment in the Math or Chem class in the Fall, then you will not get credit for Math 20, and you will have to take the full course that you placed into during a future semester.

I still have questions about the Springboard program, who should I contact?

We welcome your questions! If you have questions prior to or at your summer orientation, please contact Dr. Abra Brisbin, Math Chair at brisbia@uwec.edu or 715-836-3778.