

Frequently Asked Questions of the Mathematics Skills Test
Fall 2020

When I open Möbius for the first time, there are two tests available: Student Readiness Test, and the Practice Test. Are both tests mandatory?

No. Only the Readiness Test 2020 is mandatory, as it helps ensure your system is configured properly to run Möbius and to practice some Möbius syntax. The Practice Test will not be released to you until you have completed the Readiness Test. The Syntax Test is optional and provides you with an opportunity to practice inputting mathematical expressions into Möbius. It is strongly recommended that you complete the Readiness Test before attempting the Mathematics Skills Test Fall 2020. There is no time limit on the Readiness Test, but the Practice Test has a 120 minute time limit, to help students prepare for a timed exam. Grades are not counted for either the Practice or Readiness tests.

How long does the test take? Can I pause a test once I have started it?

The Skills Test is timed for a maximum allowance of 120 minutes. It is possible for you to finish a test in less than that time. A test cannot be paused once it has been started. It is your responsibility to ensure you have allotted enough time to complete the test once you have opened it.

What happens if time runs out and I have not finished my test?

At the end of the time limit, you will be provided with a short grace period in which to complete your current question and then click GRADE. You will not be able to complete additional questions once the time period has closed. Tests that are not completed within the allotted time will still be counted towards your total number of attempts.

What happens if my computer freezes, if I lose my internet connection, or if I close my browser during a test?

Once a test is opened, it will remain open and running online even if you leave the test screen (by closing your browser or moving to another webpage). If you restart your browser and/or log back in to Möbius, you will be able to access your incomplete test with whatever time is remaining. Tests with time remaining can be reopened and completed, and any answers previously entered should still be saved. If there is no time remaining, the test will be closed, and you will only receive marks for questions that have been completed.

How many times can I take each test? If I take a test more than once, what mark will be recorded?

You can take the Skills Test only 3 times. If you take a test multiple times, the highest mark you obtain will be recorded. Once you have received a mark of 70% or more on the test, it is not necessary to take that test again.

Will my grade count as part of my Math 1P01/1P05 mark?

You only need to pass the test and the grade obtained will not be counted as part of your mark in the course.

What happens if I fail the mathematics skills test?

Student who fail the test will be deregistered from Math 1P01 or Math 1P05 after the course drop date. Students who do not pass are encouraged to take Math 1P20: Introduction to Mathematics which is a preparatory course for Math 1P01 or Math 1P05. Students who achieve a grade of 80% or higher in Math 1P20 are exempt from future skills tests. Students who fail the Skills test for the Fall are eligible again to take the test in future offerings of the Mathematics Skills Test (e.g. January 2021 or August 2021).

Can we see what questions we got wrong, and are solutions provided?

You will be able to see which questions you got wrong, however, correct answers and/or solutions are not provided.

Where can I go if I need help taking a test, or if I need help with the test material?

For technical assistance with the test, you can contact Neil Marshall by email at nmarshall@brocku.ca. For assistance with test material, first consult the [review resources](#). You may also attend help hours for the Mathematics Skills Test on Microsoft Teams (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM from August 17 to September 3rd)

A link to the Mathematics Skills Test Team is below. You will need your Brock student account to access it.

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a55d49f77bdf54d0fb6696bc03adacca8%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=5e5092cc-a996-4eea-a6f7-8bf6628657da&tenantId=76ae1115-1efc-4af2-a536-e2b2443af1a0>