I’m an international student. Can I enrol in MATH199?
Yes, but there is extra documentation you have to submit with your enrolment. See the STAR at UC brochure for details.

What about assessment?
This consists of weekly participation tasks, online quizzes, assignments and tests.

What if I go to another University – are the credits transferable?
These are normally transferable but this is always at the discretion of the other university. You will need to request an academic transcript from UC to submit to the other university.

Does MATH199 interfere with the Health Sciences First-Year Course at Otago?
MATH199, taken on its own, does not interfere with the Health Sciences First-Year Course at Otago.

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Have you been involved in accelerated courses at school and/or passed Level 3 calculus credits in year 12?

Is your ability in mathematics such that you would like an enrichment course while concurrently doing your year 13 work?

If you have answered yes, then MATH199 is for you! This course in linear algebra and calculus gives you the opportunity to study stimulating and interesting work while still at school, and will prepare you well for second year courses in mathematics.

The University of Canterbury, UC, is offering MATH199 to secondary school students in the Christchurch region who excel in mathematics. MATH199 is a two semester, 30-point programme, aligned with MATH102 in Semester 1 and MATH103 in Semester 2. Although the primary source for content is online, MATH199 students are required to attend classes from 4.15pm to 6.30pm every Thursday during the UC term times. There will also be extra help classes before tests.

What MATH199 Requires
- A love of mathematics.
- Proven success in mathematics.
- The ability to be able to work independently.
- Good organisational skills.
- At least 65% in Test One to be confident of coping with the demands of the course.
- About 8 hours per week of self study.

What MATH199 Offers
- Zero fees for MATH199!
- 30 points credit towards a Canterbury degree.
- Entry into our level 200 mathematics and engineering mathematics courses.
- MATH199 AIMS scholarships, each with a value of $5000, for students enrolling at UC in any programme, who achieve an A+ grade in MATH199.
- Up to 3 MATH199 STAR scholarships, worth $5000 per annum, for up to three years for students majoring in Mathematics or Statistics.
- UC offers a number of other scholarships to high achieving students. See www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships for a full list of UC Scholarships.
- Mentorship when you come to UC through MATHSOC, and our Maori and Pacific teams. MATH199 Maori students can sign up to the Tuakana Mentoring Programme which provides new students with a senior student buddy to guide them throughout this paper and their first year at UC.

Commonly Asked Questions

What are the entry requirements?
We recommend about 20 credits of mathematics with a good proportion of excellences at NCEA Level 3, or the equivalent for students not doing a full NCEA programme.

Do I need to have done NCEA Level 3 Calculus?
Not all schools offer acceleration programmes so we will consider your enrolment if your Level 2 NCEA calculus results are excellent and if you take year 13 calculus concurrently with MATH199.

How do I enrol?
You need to enrol through your school. Talk to your mathematics HOD or your Career’s Advisor who will have been sent the STAR at UC brochure. This has detailed information about enrolling and other administration matters. Also check out the link: www.canterbury.ac.nz/star

Do I have to be attending a STAR funded school?
MATH199 is open to all students including those at private and integrated schools.