

SKILL TEST INFORMATION

I will be making **Skills Tests** available for MS 100 again this semester. This will be an entirely **voluntary** activity to be done **outside class**. There is a list* of about 35 Skill Test Topics and where the corresponding problem types can be found. This List will be available under **Skill Test Topics List** in this same web page folder, but you must come to MY office or *my* session of the Tutoring Center in order to **take** the tests. The Test over each Skill Area will be relatively short and will be given **NO partial credit per problem**. Each Skill is worth **10 Points**. The Skills Tests CANNOT hurt your grade! **Grading options are: #1.** If you take 30 Skills Tests, I will take your total points as a percentage of 300 possible points. These 30 **must include** at least one for **graphing and** one for **word problems**. This grade can REPLACE your lowest Major Test grade. **#2.** If you have 15 or more Skill Test Grades, I will take the best 15 and use as a percentage of 300 points. This option **must include** at least one graphing **or** one for word problems. This score can replace $\frac{1}{2}$ a Test grade. **Each Skill may be tried a maximum of 2 times with only the higher score counting.**

In the past, students that took these tests benefited, even if it did not appear to help their grade in points, because they were able to get extra feedback and correction in problem areas. These can be used before the Major Test to let you know how well you really are learning the needed Skills so that you know where to keep studying. Alternately, they can be used afterward to demonstrate that you have finally mastered the Skill. The repetition of working on the Skill will help you to retain the knowledge for the Final Exam and for any future courses you will need to take.

If you struggle with math and can arrange the time to do Skills Tests, you should see good results. Do not put off beginning the tests.

If you are going to participate in these Skills Tests, you MUST BEGIN TAKING THEM BY MIDTERM (THURSDAY, March 6). ALL TESTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY TUESDAY APRIL 15. You may begin taking them as soon as you can arrange a suitable time with me and think you have mastered the skill over which you want to be tested. Skills do **not** have to be taken in the order they are listed.

* List of available Skill Topics is subject to change during the semester.