

Guidelines for Special Course Requirements
University of South Alabama

Your success is important to us, and these required special courses will increase your chances of succeeding in college. These are some of the most important courses you will have at USA because they will help you achieve your academic and career goals.

SPECIAL COURSEWORK:	REQUIRED IF:
LAS100 Language Arts and Skills (3 hours)	ACT English Score less than 19 SAT Critical Reading less than 470
RDG151 College Reading (1 hour)	ACT Reading Score of 19 or 20 SAT Critical Reading 480 – 500
RDG152 College Reading (2 hours)	ACT Reading Score less than 19 SAT Critical Reading less than 480
MTH100 Intermediate College Algebra (3 hours)	Math Placement Exam Score 50-65
DS082 Introductory Algebra (5 hours) MTH100 Intermediate College Algebra (3 hours) (two-semester sequence)	Math Placement Exam Score 35-49
*MA110 Finite Mathematics (3 hours)	*Math Placement Exam Score greater than 34
DS014 Writing (3 hours) Meets the requirement for LAS100.	Recommended if: ACT English Score less than 15 SAT Critical Reading less than 400
RDG153 College Reading (3 hours) Meets the requirement for RDG152.	Recommended if: ACT Reading Score less than 15 SAT Critical Reading less than 400

*MA110 is for majors not requiring Precalculus Algebra or higher level mathematics.

MA 110 is not a prerequisite for any subsequent mathematics or statistics course. If you intend to take mathematics other than MA110 and you scored 65 or below on the Math Placement Exam, you should begin your mathematics in the appropriate DS082 or MTH100 course. DS082 and MTH100 comprise a two-semester sequence that must be completed within three terms of enrollment or within 36 hours attempted if you are a part-time student.

- If you have an ACT composite score less than 19 or an SAT sum of the SATCR (critical reading) and SATM (math) scores less than 910, you are in the special admissions program.
- You must enroll in all of your required special courses your first semester and continue enrolling in them each semester you attend USA until all are completed with A, B, or C.
- If you do not complete your special required courses with A, B, or C within three semesters of enrollment, or within 36 hours attempted if you are a part-time student, you will be subject to dismissal from the university.