## GEC Mathematics Advising Guide: MAT 101 or MAT 100

## Does my advisee need MAT 101 or MAT 100?

Will the student have to take more math classes after their GEC requirement?
Yes - Student must take MAT 101.
No - Student can choose between MAT 101 or MAT 100.

## If my advisee has a choice, how do I know which course they should enroll in?

NOTE: 100 is NOT easier than 101. It is just different. Hard work is required in both classes.
Use the sample content information below to help a student decide:

By the end of MAT 101, students will know how to answer each of the following:

1. Sally is working as a salesperson and has the option of being paid a monthly salary of $\$ 1800$ or of being paid a monthly salary of $\$ 1500$ with $10 \%$ commission on her sales. For what amount of monthly sales will the two options be equal?
2. A ball is thrown directly upward from a height of 4 ft with an initial velocity of 48 $\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$. The function $s(t)=-16 t^{2}+48 t+4$ gives the height of the ball, in feet, $t$ seconds after it has been thrown. When will the ball reach its maximum height?
3. In 2012 , a town had a population of 18,970 . In 2015 , the population had grown to 21,340 . Predict the population in 2020.

By the end of MAT 100, students will know how to answer each of the following:

1. A bag contains 3 blue marbles, 7 red marbles, and 9 yellow marbles. A single marble is drawn from the bag. What is the probability that the marble is yellow?
2. One semester, a student earns the following grades in her courses. Calculate her GPA for the semester.

| Course | Credit Hrs | Grade |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MAT 100 | 3 | A |
| BSC 103 | 3 | C |
| BSC 103L | 1 | B |
| ENG 101 | 3 | A |

3. A man invests $\$ 1,500$ today into an account earning $2.7 \%$ annual interest compounded monthly. How much money will be in the account in 2 years?

## What about the 101S and 100S classes?

- These are support courses that are one credit hour each taken in the same semester as their GEC counterpart course. It is a separate course with a separate grade. Students must attend both.
- Any student taking MAT 101/100 can enroll in MAT 101S/100S.
- In MAT 101S, students will be learning in an active learning environment. This will allow students the opportunity to learn not only from the instructor but from one another as well.
- In MAT 100S or MAT 101S online, students will be engaged with one another via regularly-posted discussion boards and online active learning activities.


## ACT Requirements

## Spring 2020 Requirements

|  |  | MAT 101S | MAT 100S |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 16 or below | Required | Required |
|  | 17-19 | Required | Required |
|  | 20 or above | Optional | Optional |

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[^0]:    *Online MAT 101S is reserved for fully online students or students who have classes already scheduled at all offered 101S times.

