# Early Start Program

**Freshman Math @ SF State**

### OPTION #1: Take a 3 unit at SF State class from June 22nd to August 14th

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<th><strong>IF YOUR ELM SCORE IS 42-48...</strong></th>
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| Course To Take: **ESM70**  
Intermediate Algebra, In Person at SF State Campus  
Advantages:  
- If passed, student does not have to take any further remedial courses and qualifies for GE Math  
- Speeds up time to qualify for GE math by one semester  
- Begin major classes earlier  
- Benefit from teacher interaction and instruction | Course To Take: **ESM60**  
Beginning Algebra, In Person at SF State Campus  
Advantages:  
- If passed, student can move forward to next math, Intermediate Algebra  
- Shortens time to qualify for GE Math  
- Work collaboratively with other students  
- Take advantage of free tutoring services |

### OPTION #2: Take an online 1 unit class from July 6th to July 31st

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| Course To Take: **ESM40**  
Early Start Program in Mathematics  
Disadvantages: ESM40 will not allow students to advance to their next level of math at SF State UNLESS the ELM Test is retaken and a higher score is achieved. Therefore, students planning to enroll in ESM40 should plan to retake the ELM at the end of the course. Retaking the ELM is not an Early Start requirement but suggested by our staff.  
Advantages:  
- Intended for students who live out of area or far away – Can take course anywhere!  
- 1 unit course is less expensive than 3 unit course  
- Will prepare student to take the ELM test again and become more skillful in the subject of math |

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