

### **Info about Math Department Workshops**

The Math Department at San Jose State now offers a series of workshops designed to help students succeed and excel in their lower division math courses.

### **Required Workshops for Math 19, Math 30, Math 30P, Math 31**

Students in Math 19, Math 30, Math 30P, and Math 31 are required to sign up for the corresponding workshop when they sign up for their Math 19/30/30P/31 lecture course. The lecture course and the workshop must both be in your shopping cart at the same time when you are checking out. Students can opt out of the Precalculus workshop at a later time if they contact the Math Department office and fill out the appropriate form. If you have trouble registering for any of these courses contact the math office MH 308 (408) 924-5100. In the workshops students work together in small groups on challenging problems to help them understand Precalculus and Calculus concepts more deeply and lay the groundwork for success in Calculus and in other future math courses. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the workshops, and students in Precalculus and Calculus workshops are encouraged to form student study groups and continue working on their precalculus homework together outside of class. Students who participate in Math Department workshops end up with an average grade of about 0.5 to 1.0 grade points higher than those who do not participate in workshops.

### **Opting out of a Required Workshop**

While we strongly encourage all students to take the workshops in Math 19, 30, 30P, and 31, students can opt out of a required workshop by coming to the math office and filling out the appropriate form. Before opting out of the workshop we ask students to attend at least one workshop and supply us with a reason why you are unable to take the workshop. It is especially important for all of the students with less than a B in a prerequisite course to take the workshop since they are at a much higher risk of not passing the course.

### **Changing from one section of a required workshop to another**

This can be done by obtaining an add code for the new workshop section and a new add code for the lecture class. Then you should drop the lecture and the workshop and then add them both at the same time.

### **Voluntary Workshops**

Voluntary workshops are offered for Math 8, Math 32, Math 42, and Math 71. While students are again strongly encouraged to take these workshops they are not required to sign up for the workshop when they register for the course.