



Greetings:

In an effort to meet two very distinct obligations to our students, BJU has developed non-tuition-based developmental math modules, which must be funded by a student fee.

One of our obligations is to ensure that students not only have the necessary math skills to succeed in key required courses that demand a certain level of mathematical understanding, such as Fundamentals of Economics and Essential Science, but also have the analytical thinking skills needed to engage with the content throughout our entire liberal arts core curriculum successfully. Every year we have a number of students who need help in developing these basic skills, and the developmental math modules were created to provide this help. Knowing that our students come to us with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, we seek to meet students where they are and help them develop the skills they need. However, we are unable to offer the developmental math modules for college credit (and thus have it covered under regular tuition) because the material presented in the modules is pre-college level.

We also have an obligation to all of our students to ensure that tuition dollars are used wisely. One of the guidelines that administration has put in place is the restriction of using tuition dollars to support non-credit earning academic services. Tuition supported services for students are to include those needed/accessed by all students in the university. Since the developmental math program is needed by less than a third of the student body, we are limited in how we can pay for the program. As such, BJU has determined that the developmental math modules must be financed by a fee charged to those students who need them. Information about waiving the modules through the passing of pretests as well as specific information on the fees themselves is available in the BJU Catalog. Due to fluctuating enrollment throughout the drop/add period, the fee is generally assessed by mid-September and usually appears on the October bill during the fall. In the spring, the fee is usually assessed by the end of January and will generally appear on the February bill.

We are thankful that the Lord has given us the opportunity to help prepare the next generation for the work He has called them to accomplish.

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