Mathematics and Statistics (M&S) Information, Advice and Guidance  May 2019

Our intention is that all student-facing IAG about studying mathematics and statistics is on the M&S Study site, which is at [https://learn2.open.ac.uk/site/S-MATHS](https://learn2.open.ac.uk/site/S-MATHS) - see below for details of content. If anything seems to be missing from that, please let us know via STEM-MS-Teaching-Quals@open.ac.uk

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| MathsChoices | Anyone considering taking MU123 and/or MST124 on any qualification or standalone. Open to Joe Public. Once have an OUCU students on M&S qualifications should use the M&S Study site | - how to choose between MU123 and MST124  
- quiz for each module  
- how to prepare (including link to MathsHelp)  
- sample unit and assessment | [http://mathschoices.open.ac.uk/](http://mathschoices.open.ac.uk/) | Crucial to get students to engage with the quizzes. |
| OU Induction site – New to OU study | OU generic site for new students, from which students can get to the M&S Study site ... | In M&S Section 3 ‘Discover your subject’ the choice is:  
MU123 links to Discover MU123  
MST124 links to Revise and refresh  
Discover MU123 at [https://learn2.open.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=206217&cmid=1442834](https://learn2.open.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=206217&cmid=1442834)  
Revise and refresh MST124 at [https://learn2.open.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=206217&cmid=1171419](https://learn2.open.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=206217&cmid=1171419)  
Discover your module at [https://learn2.open.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=206217&cmid=1173067](https://learn2.open.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=206217&cmid=1173067) | | |
| OpenLearn | Causal interest - students on M&S qualifications should use the M&S Study site | Extracts from most M&S modules | OpenLearn | Mostly in the form of PDF-extracts as a shop window for prospective students, rather than to provide additional / prep / revision material for students. |
| Revise and refresh for MST124 | Anyone planning to do MST124 on any qualification or standalone. Open only to those with an OUCU. | - Link to Are you ready for? quiz  
- Brief revision for each of 6 key topics, with quiz and exercises for each  
- First two units AL-moderated forum runs few weeks before each presentation Plus online tutorials just before pres start. | [https://learn2.open.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=206217&cmid=1171419](https://learn2.open.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=206217&cmid=1171419) (Actually sub-site of M&S Subject site) | Crucial to get students to engage with, especially the quizzes. Communications plan currently includes:  
- encouraging MU123 tutors to mention to students going onto MST124  
- CAMELing MST124 students as they register |
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MathsHelp | Anyone planning to do MU123 on any qualification or standalone. Available to anyone on OpenLearn. | Revision of basic topics required for MU123. | Via portal at [http://mathshelp.open.ac.uk/](http://mathshelp.open.ac.uk/) | M&S cannot edit directly and immediately but, usually, requests for changes are actioned fairly promptly. Derived from preparatory material for MU120 (predecessor of MU123). Topics likely to be of use to students doing basic maths within any subject area.

**M&S Study site** is at [https://learn2.open.ac.uk/site/S-MATHS](https://learn2.open.ac.uk/site/S-MATHS)

- For anyone planning to do or on any UG M&S module on any qualification or standalone.
- Open to those with an OUCU.
- It is linked from every UG module site (in multiple ways) and has the sections detailed below.
- Those in bold are particularly relevant to IAG

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**Discover your module** – for each UG module contains:

- *Are you ready for?* diagnostic quiz (except for M140 and MExxx for which a DQ is not needed)
- Content list (i.e. syllabus)
- Outline study calendar - for planning purposes
- Revise and refresh resources – where they exist (and more are to be added)
- Module Guide (from late 2019 onwards)
- Some early units, to facilitate making a head start
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<td>Anyone planning to do any PG Maths module on any qualification or standalone. Open to Joe Public.</td>
<td>Diagnostic quiz</td>
<td><a href="https://mcs-notes2.open.ac.uk/WebResources/Maths">https://mcs-notes2.open.ac.uk/WebResources/Maths</a> NSF/A/1jpl/$FILE/MScDiagnosticquiz.pdf</td>
<td>The MSc is not open entry. Students who apply to start the MSc will need to pass entry checks and may be sent a further self-assessment test in order to ascertain their preparedness to study at this level.</td>
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<td>Make a head start / taster material</td>
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<td>Post-graduate cafe forum</td>
<td>Current MSc students choosing a module or M840 topic</td>
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