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Re: Optional Online Math Review Course

Dear Fall 2025 Incoming MPA and MPP Students,

Congratulations on beginning your academic journey at the Trachtenberg School (TSPPPA)!

TSPPPA has created an optional online math review course for students who may need a quick refresher of some basic math concepts that can be useful for the statistics, economics and other quantitative courses. It's a self-guided course with modules that has lessons and quizzes on various topics that range from simple order of operations to graphing. There are also links available to external resources as well.

There is no pressure to complete the course. It's there as a reference and a resource, especially if it's been a while since you have studied some of these concepts.

To get to the course, please follow the instructions below.

- 1.) Log into [GW Blackboard](#).
- 2.) Go to "Organizations" on the blue menu to the left of the screen.
- 3.) Click on "TSPPPA Math Review"
- 4.) Click on "Getting Started" and then "Welcome to our Supplementary Math Course" for instructions on how to get started.

If you were admitted late or haven't confirmed your position in the incoming class, you may not have access yet. If you're having trouble, please contact me.

FOR MPA Students: The most important modules are 1-4. In Module 3, please focus on exponents rather than logarithms. The other modules are not as important for MPA students.

If you have any questions about the optional math review course, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you this spring.

Sincerely,

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