

Winter 2025 Math 1C.03 (CRN 30707) with Anderson

Stories of Students on the Waitlist

Document Purpose

This document highlights the personal narratives and stories of students trying to add Math 2B.02 in winter 2025 with Jeff Anderson. The goal is to help our amazing team of Foothill Owl instructors, administrators, and union members think about our current add code policies and the impact that those policies have on teachers and students alike. As we gear up for future years/decades of contract negotiations and think deeply about our Foothill College Strategic Equity plan, I hope we can engage in long-term collective thinking about our school's add code policy. This document highlight 11 stories on why this type of thinking is important.

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Waitlist Students – Short Stories

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Shriya Thakkar (CWID)

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Varun Rangarajan (CWID)

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Thandar Nyunt (CWID)

I am an international student from Myanmar, majoring in Aerospace engineering. I need this class to enroll in my Physics 4B, further Math, and Engineering classes. My student visa has an I-20 form, which has regulations on my studies' end date. If I don't get this class, I'm gonna have to face more difficult problems in the future. Additionally, the admission and records put my enrollment time 30 minutes later.

Yiquan Wei (Evie) (CWID)

Missing this class will delay my transfer by a year, increasing tuition and living expenses, which would put a heavy financial strain on my family. As an international student, the added time and costs would heighten my stress while I navigate the expiration of my I-20, potentially putting my F-1 visa at risk. Most heartbreakingly is the possibility that my father, battling Grade IV brain cancer, may not be able to see me graduate as he wishes.

Yucheng Wei (Ella) (CWID)

As an international student, my tuition is very expensive, and I'm currently working part-time at ISP to help manage my expenses. If my graduation is delayed due to missing this course, it will increase my financial burden significantly. The additional costs would create a lot of stress and impact both my academic progress and daily life.

George Petviashvili (CWID)

I am a high school student, taking this class for the third time. I have made a commitment to another college about doing Math 1C. I had no possibility of getting into this class as I was on a late pass, by the time my pass rolled around, the class was full. If I don't get this, I will have to postpone my transfer to the next year as I need Physics for the transfer.

Peter (Leo) Handel (CWID)

I was applying to Jeff Anderson's Calc 1c, but was unable to join because I'm in the eighth pass and the class immediately filled up. If I am unable to acquire a join code, I would be forced to take this class again next year, meaning I would be unable to take both linear algebra

and stats before finishing high school, which is a goal of mine. This is because there are no other available Calc 1c classes that are offered at foothill or other community colleges in the area that work for me.

Israel Sepulveda (CWID)

My name is Israel Sepulveda, I was in pass 6 as I was a transfer student coming in from west valley in hopes of a better physics education at foothill. I am a physics major and I could not register for this class officially for nearly two months, pass 6 means I register on November 21st. Not taking this class means I don't get up to my credit minimum, not even close, as Physics 4B needs 1C as a corequisite, not being full time would affect my financial aid status and I wouldn't be able to gain my full award. This lack of finances would further pressure me towards valuing work over school, and losing more and more of my dreams to time.

Sahil Jan (CWID)

My name is Sahil Jan, I was on pass 3 and am planning on transferring in fall 2025 to a UC or CSU. I am a Computer Science major and Data Science minor at Foothill College. I could not register in time for this class due to this being my third time taking this course. I also need this class because I need to complete Math 1D, Math 2B and Physics 4C because Math 1C is the pre rec. This will also cause my academic progress to be delayed and increase my financial strain, as well as re- applying to transfer because my current application will most likely be revoked.

Waitlist Students – More Details

Israel Sepulveda(CWID 12345678)

1. What is your preferred name (first and last name)?

Israel Sepulveda

2. What is your intended major?

Physics

3. Where do you want to transfer to and when do you want to transfer?

UC Berkeley Fall 2026

4. What admissions and records enrollment pass dates?

Pass 6(Nov 21)

5. What are you on the waitlist and not officially enrolled in this course?

Being pass 6, my date was far too late to get into the class, I stayed on the waitlist in hopes of being taught by Jeff anderson as my former teacher recommended it.

6. What happens if you don't get this class this quarter? How will that impact your life and your academic plans? What impact will this have on your academic and financial lives? How will this impact your dreams?

If I don't get this class there are multiple consequences. It pushes back my academic path by most likely half a year or at least one quarter, it also means I don't meet my full time student status for financial aid, meaning my award is significantly less than even last quarter, where by the end of the quarter I was struggling to pay for gas and eat enough throughout the day. All of this pushes me away from my dream of getting the best education for physics possible, building the pressure that pushes me towards letting go and giving myself to the current of life instead of controlling, understanding, and loving where I end up.

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Thandar Nyunt (CWID 123456)

8. What is your preferred name (first and last name)?

Thandar Nyunt

9. What is your intended major?

Aerospace Engineering

10. Where do you want to transfer to and when do you want to transfer?

UCSD (Fall 2026)

11. What admissions and records enrollment pass dates?

Nov 18 (9:30 am)

12. What are you on the waitlist and not officially enrolled in this course?

When my enrollment time arrived, the class was already full. Admission moved my enrollment time from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

13. What happens if you don't get this class this quarter? How will that impact your life and your academic plans? What impact will this have on your academic and financial lives? How will this impact your dreams?

If I can't enroll in this class, I am facing severe problems in the future. I can't enroll in PHY 4B without this class, so my transfer will be postponed. I have regulations on my visa status and when to finish all my studies and transfer. My I-20 expires in March 2027. Do I need to transfer before that, or do I need to extend one more quarter which is the biggest problem? It is challenging to extend the I-20 as the US government doesn't want to help us.

14. Make a 3 sentence abstract for this story.

I am an international student trying to enroll in a Cal 3 class taught by Jeff, my favorite teacher. If I don't get this class, I will get into more trouble, and I don't want to risk my visa, and fighting with the US government. Additionally, I only want to take this class with Jeff as I know he can only teach me to succeed.

Peter Handel (CWID 12345678)

15. What is your preferred name (first and last name)?

Leo Handel

16. What is your intended major?

None planned

17. Where do you want to transfer to and when do you want to transfer?

No transfer plans

18. What admissions and records enrollment pass dates?

8th pass, High School student (November 25)

19. What are you on the waitlist and not officially enrolled in this course?

8th pass, High school student

20. What happens if you don't get this class this quarter? How will that impact your life and your academic plans? What impact will this have on your academic and financial lives? How will this impact your dreams?

If I don't get this class, I would be forced to wait until next year to be able to take Calc 1c. This would put me behind in the classes I wanted to take before college, and would also force me to study on my own for the Calculus BC test I signed up for this year.

21. Make a 3 sentence abstract for this story.

I was applying to Jeff Anderson's Calc 1c, but was unable to join because I'm in the eighth pass and the class immediately filled up. If I am unable to acquire a join code, I would be forced to take this class again next year, meaning I would be unable to take both linear algebra and stats before finishing high school, which is a goal of mine. This is because there are no other available Calc 1c classes that are offered at foothill or other community colleges in the area that work for me.

Template Student (CWID 12345678)

22. What is your preferred name (first and last name)?

Sahil Jan

23. What is your intended major?

My major is Computer Science and minoring in Data Science

24. Where do you want to transfer to and when do you want to transfer?

I want to transfer to UCD, UCB, UCSD or SJSU for fall 2025, and I have already applied to transfer this year. So if everything goes according to plan, I aim to begin university at that time.

25. What admissions and records enrollment pass dates?

My pass date is November 18 under Group 3

26. Why are you on the waitlist and not officially enrolled in this course?

I am on the waitlist because I previously attempted this Math 1C last quarter, but unfortunately did not pass. As a result I got dropped from my Math 1D registered class and had to re enroll/register to Math 1C. I found Jeff's Math 1C class on the open for waitlist and I took my chance but before I could register for this class, the system wouldn't let me because this is my third time taking 1C (first was summer then fall and now winter). I was required to sign a paper and wait for the admissions office to clear the form so I could register for Math 1C.

27. What happens if you don't get this class this quarter? How will that impact your life and your academic plans? What impact will this have on your academic and financial lives? How will this impact your dreams?

If I don't get into this class this quarter, I will have to take this class in spring quarter and this will result in my applications to the UC's and CSU being revoked as I would not meet the requirements, including Math 1D and Math 2B. The impact/setback it will have in my life is it would delay my academic progress. Financially I would lose eligibility for the two year promise program, resulting in class expenses and tuition. The delay won't affect my academic timeline because I can take a third year. The impact it will have on my financial life would be that I would have to pay for my classes and even tuition because I will be out of the two years promise program, and for me it's like I'm falling behind because I am seeing everybody transfer and moving forward besides me. I want to move on, complete my prerequisites and prepare myself for opportunities and challenges in university life.

28. Make a 3 sentence abstract for this story.

Math 1C is a critical course for my transfer plans, without enrolling this quarter I can't transfer and my application will be revoked. It will also delay my academic progress and the setback would increase financial strain. Also postponing my goal from trading fall 2025 to fall 2026.

George Petviashvili (CWID 12345678)

29. What is your preferred name (first and last name)?

George Petviashvili

30. What is your intended major?

Computer Science

31. Where do you want to transfer to and when do you want to transfer?

UC's or SJSU, want to transfer 2026

32. What admissions and records enrollment pass dates?

Pass 8 (High school student)

33. What are you on the waitlist and not officially enrolled in this course?

I was on a late pass so when my pass came around it was already filled.

34. What happens if you don't get this class this quarter? How will that impact your life and your academic plans? What impact will this have on your academic and financial lives? How will this impact your dreams?

I have made a commitment to Cañada College that I will have to pass this class in order to complete the prerequisite for Physics. To add onto that, I am currently on my Third Attempt of taking Math 1C. If I don't get this, I will be unable to transfer at all. I will have to take this class in another system, thus postponing the transfer to 2027, as SMCCD has only three semesters per year.

35. Make a 3 sentence abstract for this story.

I am a high school student, taking this class for the third time. I have made a commitment to another college about doing Math 1C. I had no possibility of getting into this class as I was on a late pass, by the time my pass rolled around, the class was full. If I don't get this, I will have to postpone my transfer to the next year as I need Physics for the transfer.

36. What is your preferred name (first and last name)?

Shriya Thakkar

37. What is your intended major?

Biological Sciences

38. Where do you want to transfer to and when do you want to transfer?

CSUs/UCs, Applications - 2025, transfer - 2026

39. What admissions and records enrollment pass dates?

Continuing student, time: 9 : 00

40. What are you on the waitlist and not officially enrolled in this course?

Class was already full when I tried to enroll myself, not only that I wasn't able to put myself on the waitlist and get a chance to move up the waitlist or potentially be enrolled in class by the first day of instruction as I received an error message saying "Adiminstor is reviewing your records right now, please try again later".

41. What happens if you don't get this class this quarter? How will that impact your life and your academic plans? What impact will this have on your academic and financial lives? How will this impact your dreams?

I am already retaking this class which puts me behind in my academic journey, this was also the class that I needed to maintain my in person units to not violate my F1 visa regulations. It also increases the financial burden as I have to take another class just to maintain my visa regulations.

42. Make a 3 sentence abstract for this story.

I am an international student and wasn't able to enroll into the class with no fault of mine (Error message from administration). I made sure of everything I needed at the time of registration and still didn't get in. This hinders my academic timeline and transfer requirements, increases financial burden on my family and puts my F1 at risk.

Yiquan Wei (CWID 12345678)

43. What is your preferred name (first and last name)?

Evie (Yiquan Wei)

44. What is your intended major?

Mechanical Engineering

45. Where do you want to transfer to and when do you want to transfer?

I plan to transfer to a UCSD in Fall 2025

46. What admissions and records enrollment pass dates?

Continuing student. My enrollment pass date is November 18, 2024 08:30 AM for the 2025 winter quarter.

47. What are you on the waitlist and not officially enrolled in this course?

Not on the waitlist.

48. What happens if you don't get this class this quarter? How will that impact your life and your academic plans? What impact will this have on your academic and financial lives? How will this impact your dreams?

If I don't get this class this quarter, my academic progress will be delayed, and I may have to stay for an additional year to finish the required courses for transfer. As an international student, the tuition and living costs are already very high, and staying longer would significantly increase the financial pressure on my family and me. This would also cause more stress as I try to adjust my transfer timeline and manage the added expenses. There is also a certain chance that I will not be able to fulfill my father's wish of attending my university graduation ceremony, who has brain cancer, Grade IV diffuse glioma.

49. Make a 3 sentence abstract for this story.

Missing this class will delay my transfer by a year, increasing tuition and living expenses, which would put a heavy financial strain on my family. As an international student, the added time and costs would heighten my stress while I navigate the expiration of my I-20, potentially putting my F-1 visa at risk. Most heartbreakingly is the possibility that my father, battling Grade IV brain cancer, may not be able to see me graduate as he wishes.

Varun Rangarajan (CWID 12345678)

50. What is your preferred name (first and last name)?

Varun Rangarajan

51. What is your intended major?

I am a senior in High School hoping to major in Data Analytics

52. Where do you want to transfer to and when do you want to transfer?

Any school with a good Data Analytics program (UCLA as an example)

53. What admissions and records enrollment pass dates?

Pass 8 as I am a College Now dual enrollment student

54. What are you on the waitlist and not officially enrolled in this course?

I am on the waitlist as I am in the last enrollment group and by the time my enrollment slot came around, Jeff's class was already full.

55. What happens if you don't get this class this quarter? How will that impact your life and your academic plans? What impact will this have on your academic and financial lives? How will this impact your dreams?

The colleges I am applying to want to see 3 levels of Calculus and a Linear Algebra class on my transcript. Since Calculus C is a prerequisite to Linear Algebra, I won't be able to take Linear Algebra if I take Calculus in the spring and I risk being rescinded by the college I want to attend. I am also unable to join Young Hee Park Lee's class as its timing coincides with my Sports Medicine class at my high school. I also want to take this class in person as I don't learn math as well online.

56. Make a 3 sentence abstract for this story.

Hi, my name is Varun Rangarajan and I am a College Now student hoping to major in Data Analytics in college. The colleges I am applying to want to see 3 levels of Calculus and a Linear Algebra class on my transcript. If I were to not take either of these classes, I risk being rescinded by the university I choose to attend.

57. What is your preferred name (first and last name)?

Yucheng Wei(Ella)

58. What is your intended major?

Biochemistry

59. Where do you want to transfer to and when do you want to transfer?

UCD Fall 2026

60. What admissions and records enrollment pass dates?

Continuing student. Pass date is November 18, 2024

61. What are you on the waitlist and not officially enrolled in this course?

I tried to enroll in this course, but the system lagged when I submitted it, so I had to log out and back in. By then, the course was full, and I was placed as the first on the waitlist. I later applied to increase my credit limit to 25, but since I already had 20 credits and this course is 5 credits, the system dropped me when I exceeded the limit.

62. What happens if you don't get this class this quarter? How will that impact your life and your academic plans? What impact will this have on your academic and financial lives? How will this impact your dreams?

This is my second year at Foothill, and missing this class means I'll have to take it next quarter, completely disrupting my plans. As a Biochemistry major, my schedule is already packed, and I didn't leave time for this course later because I was sure I'd get it this quarter. I even dropped another class to stay within the credit limit, leaving me with just 15 credits now. This is a required course for my major, and I truly need it to stay on track. I feel so helpless and really hope I can get into this class.

63. Make a 3 sentence abstract for this story.

As an international student, my tuition is very expensive, and I'm currently working part-time at ISP to help manage my expenses. If my graduation is delayed due to missing this course, it will increase my financial burden significantly. The additional costs would create a lot of stress and impact both my academic progress and daily life.